Mr Thomas Harris – Septr 13/20

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To Mr Thomas Harris.

Church Missionary
London, Sept 1

Dear Sir

Lieut. Lugger has transmitted
me your Letters to him dated Nov. 11/19, F
and March 8/20. I have, also, received your
of Aug. 12/19, and Feby 15/20, and, likewise, the
Annual Report of the Colonial Charity S

We are truly sorry that the pressure of
Society's business has so long delayed an an
to these Communications.

We rejoice in the success which has a
the Establishment of the School, and pray th
it may continue to enjoy the Divine Bl

While we cheerfully contribute our aid to
Institution, we beg our Friends to bear in mi
the importance of obtaining on the Island,
means of supporting the School. A strong
interest will, thus, be excited in the cause
educating the Negro population, and of im
to them religious instruction. Men will, al
more likely to promote the success of a mea
with which they have thus connected themselv

Our Committee urge a scrupulous adheren
to the leading principle of the Institution – the
education of the black and coloured Slave Ch
of the Island. We rely that, at least, a moiety
the Children in the School will be constantly
this description.

I beg that the weekly Register of the numb
proficiency of the Children may be carefully a
accurately kept, and transmitted, quarterly, a
to me at the Church Missionary House, Salis
Square, Fleet Street.

Sept. 12/20. Mr. Thomas Harris.

We regret that no individual has yet offered, whom we could send out as Schoolmaster.

The Stationery, Slate Pencils, Copper Plate Copies, and Prayer Books, which you request, we hope to forward to you very soon.

I remain, Dear Sir,

Very Faithfully yours,

Josiah Pratt

P. S. Sept. 16/20

The delay of our Letter, a day or two, enables me to acknowledge yours of the 1st of August; which reached me this morning.

Please, in future, to state particularly the quantities of the articles, which you wish us to send out. In consequence of your not having done this, in the present instance, we are not certain that the proportion of the different articles, now about to be forwarded, is such as you require.

I omitted to inform you, above, that Mr. William Dawes, of Antigua, is appointed, by the Committee, Superintendant of the Society's Schools throughout the West India Islands. Should he visit Barbadoes you will, therefore, have the kindness to communicate fully with him on the state of the "Colonial Charity School." We shall, also, feel obliged by your aiding him in obtaining information, and taking any measures, which he may deem expedient, with a view to the extension of Schools and Education in Barbadoes.

J. P.

To Mr William Dawes.

Church Missionary Hou
London, Sept 18/20

Dear Sir

I am sorry to observe that my Letter to you is dated so far back as the of April. The pressure of the Society's busi has been the cause of my silence.

I beg now to acknowledge your Letters an Journals under date of March 10th, April 8 & 22nd, May 28th, July 31st, and August 3d.

The Committee feel much satisfaction in labours bestowed upon the Schools by yoursel and Mr Thwaites, and are thankful for the with which those labours have been crowned.

In reference to your engagement, as the Soci Superintendant in the West Indies, I beg to you to my last Letter, of the 8th of April. Fro the tenor of that Letter you will observ in consideration of the Salary proposed, the mittee expect that you will devote you wholly to the Society's objects. Any arran which you may be able to make, consist the application of your mind and time to the Committee will not object to. We are of however, that you will find it difficult the business which you mention, consiste your engagements to the Society. We wish y state precisely to what extent you shoul necessary to attend to your private business, and you can render that business compatible w terms on which the Committee desire to avai selves of your services.

We shall be happy to send out a Schoolmaster, should one properly qualified offer; but we have no one immediately in view. It does not appear probable that any individual will be found who could be advantageously employed in part in the objects of the Society, and in part in working at his trade for his private emolument

We are preparing a parcel of Books, of the description which you request in your Letter of April the 22d, which we hope to forward very soon; & shall at the same time send you the usual publications.

You are perhaps, aware that this Society pays the Salary of the Master of the Barbados Colonial Charity School. Should you visit Barbados, we wish you to inspect the School, and report to us the state in which you find it. You will please to apply to Mr. Thomas Harris, Junr. on this subject; whom I have apprised of your connection with the Society, and of the probability of your paying them a visit.

With my Christian Regards to Mrs. Dawes,

I remain,
My Dear Sir,
Very faithfully yours,
Josiah Pratt

Rev. John Armstrong. Sept. 19/2

To the Rev. John Armstrong.

Church Missionary
London, Sept. 19

Dear Sir

I regret to observe that, throu
the increasing pressure of the Society's bu
my last Letter to you is dated so far ba
as Sept. 10/27. I trust you will kindly a
this as an apology for my long silence.

I beg now to acknowledge your Lett
Jany the 13th, March the 21st, and May th
together with a Duplicate of your Letter to
Bishop of London, of Jany the [illegible]th, and, of
a Title to the Curacy at Belize, dated Jany

We regret that you should have been
disappointed in your wish to visit Engl
but circumstances seem, plainly, to have
up your way. No person offered whom we
could recommend as your assistant, to ta
upon himself the duties of the Chaplaincy
your absence. Indeed it is extremely unlik
that any individual, duly qualified for th
situation, would accept of an appointment
distant from this Country, and of such a t
nature. In fact we are unable to propose
one for the second Chaplaincy, which Mr. Du
has been under the necessity of vacating, th
it is a permanent appointment.

You will be glad to hear that Mr. D
health is very much re-established. Mr. L

his medical attendants conceive that his return to a tropical Climate would immediately bring on a return of the complaint he has felt it to be his duty to resign the situation which he held in the Settlement.

The Committee acquiesce in the appropriation of £100, in aid of Mr. Henry Moore's expences. We think it much better that this sum should be deducted from what is due to the Society by the Settlement, than from the monies raised in the Settlement on behalf of the Society.

We have received nothing farther on accoun of the Outfits and Passage of Messrs. Moore, though your Letter of March the 21st led us to expect a remittance. The total expended by us on this account is £271. 19. 10. We received Feby 20/29, £120; leaving a balance due to the Society of £151. 19. 10. This balance will, of course be less by the sum of £100; which the Committee have, as above stated, consented to grant in diminution of it.

We have forwarded to Col. Arthur, through the Post Office, agreeably to your suggestion, the Missionary Register for the present year; and they will be regularly continued.

I beg you will present my kind regards to Mrs. Armstrong. I hoped to write by her; but she had taken her departure before our Letters were ready.

Praying that you may enjoy the blessing of God in your own soul, and on your labours in His cause, I remain, Dear Sir,

Ever faithfully yours,

Josiah Pratt

Lieut. Col. Arthur. Sept. 19/20

To Lieut. Col. Arthur

Church Missionary Hou
London, Sept 18/

Dear Sir

I am afraid that the last Letter
I had the pleasure of addressing to you, is d
so far back as the 2nd of April, last year.
you will not attribute my silence to indiff
to your Communications. The real cause of
which has occurred in acknowledging them
growing business of the Society; and I persua
myself that your kindness will accept th
my apology for the seeming neglect.

I beg now to acknowledge your Letters of
the 14th, April the 6th, and July the 19th

We entirely concur with you in opinion
all the circumstances of the case, it is desirab
Mr. Armstrong should not leave the Settl
at present. We have communicated our
on this point, to Mrs. Armstrong, and, as she
seen it right to return to Honduras, we
that Mr. Armstrong will be convinced of
propriety of his still remaining at his post.

It gives me much pleasure to inform yo
that Mr. Ditcher's health improved consid
during his voyage, and may, I believe, now
considered to be re-established. His med
attendants, however, are of opinion that
be again affected, if he were to return to
and strongly declare against his residence
tropical Climate. Mr. Ditcher has, therefore,
very reluctantly, resigned his appointment
Settlement. We think Mr. Ditcher had no
but to take this step, though we are
-cerned that you should be deprived of
services.

Sept. 19/20 – Lieut. Col. Arthur.

I regret to say that no individual, [illegible] hitherto, has come to our knowledge, whom we could, with satisfaction, recommend as Mr. Ditcher's successor. A young man has lately been suggested to us, by one of our friends. We shall communicate with Mr. Ditcher on the subject; and shall rejoice to find that he proves eligible to be proposed for the second Chaplaincy.

It is highly improbable that we should at any time meet with a Gentleman who would go out to Honduras, as Curate to Mr. Armstrong for the limited period, and under the circumstances proposed by him.

We are sorry that you should have experienced any disappointment in Mr. Robert Moore's qualifications as a Schoolmaster. We are fully satisfied that he has been treated by you, and the School Committee with every degree of kind consideration which is compatible with the interests of the School.

We rejoice that you [illegible] the prospect of establishing a School among the Mosquito Indians under the sanction of the King. Should you be able to effect this and funds sufficient for the object not be found in the Settlement we shall gladly co-operate in the work.

The Packet for Mr. Ditcher has been forwarded to him, agreeably to your request.

Mr. Armstrong having suggested to us that a Copy of the Missionary Register would be acceptable to you, we [illegible] forwarded, in the beginning of August, the numbers for the current year then published. The last number was transmitted at the beginning of this month, and we shall have great pleasure in furnishing you with the succeeding numbers of the work through the same Channel.

With my prayers that your endeavours to promote the interests of the Kingdom of [illegible]

Mr Henry Moore – Sept. 1926

To Mr Henry Moore.

Church Missionary
London, Sept. 19

Dear Sir

We duly received your Lett
March the 7th; and I am sorry that
been prevented from answering it at a
earlier period.

The afflictive circumstances incid
to your stay in Jamaica, were indeed
We trust that you have been brought
into a close walk with God, and stimul
to increasing diligence in duty.

We were prepared to expect that you
meet with a kind reception from Col. Ar
and Mr Armstrong, and do not doubt
you will continue to experience the
-ment.

We trust that your usefulness wil
be diminished by the direction which it
been found expedient to give to your
The Christian Schoolmaster enjoys peculi
advantages for benefitting his fellow cre

You will rejoice to hear that Mr Del
health is much restored; though his me
advisers forbid his residence in a tropical
With my prayers that you may enjoy the
and blessing of God, I remain, Dear

Faithfully

Josiah

0 - Sept 19/20 - Mr Robert Moore

To Mr Robert Moore.

Church Missionary House,
London, Sept 19/20

Dear Mr Moore

We duly received your Lette of Nov. 3/19. though circumstances have presente us from giving it an earlier answer.

We were glad to receive so favourable a report of the state of religion in Jamaica.

We trust you are still labouring to pro those objects which carried you to Honduras. Diligent and patient endeavours to bring up the children committed to your care in the wa wherein they should go may be expected to b accompanied by the blessing of God, and thus to become productive of extensive good.

We shall be glad to hear from you from time to time, and to be informed of your succe and the prospects before you.

Begging my Christian regards to Mrs Moore, & praying that you may both enjoy the blessing of God,

I remain, Dear Sir,
Faithfully yours,
Josiah Pratt

Rev. D. G. Davis – Dec. 6/28

To the Revd. D. G. Davis.

Church Missionary
London, Decr. 6

My Dear Sir

We were duly favoured with your Letter, of the 5th of Sept, and the Cop of the St. Christopher Advertiser," of August

Our Committee feel much indebted the Friends of the Missionary Cause in for their kind exertions in forming an Auxil Missionary Society, for that Island, in aid our own and the Wesleyan Missionary So These accessions of strength, thus flowing spon neously from the interest which is felt to com -municate the Gospel to the Heathen, encour our exertions and contribute to enlarge our s of usefulness.

The calls on us for assistance, are far more numerous than we can answer; and we h consequently, no immediate prospect of being able to supply a School-master to Nevis. We however, have much pleasure in acting on suggestion on this head, should the means of to be afforded us. I beg to add, that Mr. Willi Davies, of Antigua, is Superintendant of the Society's proceedings in the West Indies, and is possible that the object of your wishes, respe Nevis, may be accomplished through his interven I will not fail to call his attention to it when I next write to him.

I am, My Dear Sir,
Very faithfully your
Josiah Pra

P.S. We shall gladly send you regularly the Missionary and our Quarterly Papers, if you will point out a prope and mention the number of each which you wish for.

To Mr William Dawes.

Church Missionary House,
London, Decr 6/20.

My Dear Sir,

I last addressed you on the 18th of Septr; and we have since received a Letter, without date, relative to the treatment of Fever at Sierra Leone.

We feel much indebted to you for this paper, and have forwarded a copy of it to Africa, for the information of our Friends.

You have probably heard of the formation of an Auxiliary Society at Nevis, in aid of this and of the Wesleyan Missionary Society. The Rev. Daniel Gateward Davis, one of the Secretaries, has officially notified this event to us, and intimated that a Schoolmaster, well acquainted with the National System, would be very useful there.

We have not at present such an individual to offer, as Mr Davis wishes for; but I mention the circumstance as you may possibly be enabled, at some period, to make an arrangement in furtherance of his views.

I have referred Mr Davis to you, as the Society's Superintendant in the West Indies.

The Register and our Quarterly Papers would probably be acceptable at Nevis, and the circulation of them, as opportunity offers, might be useful in other Islands. If we were regularly to send a quantity to you, have you the means of circulating them conveniently from Antigua to Nevis, and the other Islands? or can you suggest any plan for our sending them from hence?

I remain, My Dear Sir,
Ever faithfully yours,
Josiah Pratt.

To the Rev. D. G. Davis.

Church Miss. House,
Jan. 23/21.

Dear Sir -

Since I last addressed you, we have received your Letter of Nov. 4th, enclosing the Duplicate of the Bill for £56. 5. 0.

By the last Packet we forwarded 12 Copies of our Twentieth Report and 12 Registers, together with a supply of the smaller publications of the Society. Should a larger number of any of these be required, we will forward them on your informing us.

Mr. Colquhoun has, in a very friendly manner, offered us every facility in transmitting Parcels to you; and we shall avail ourselves of his favourable disposition to send you a parcel of Registers by the first Packet in every Month.

I remain,
Dear Sir,
Ever truly yours
Josiah Pratt

To Mr. Wm. Dawes.

Church Missionary House
Feb. 21/21.

My dear Sir.

Since I addressed you on the 6th of Dec., we have received your Letters of Oct. 10th and Nov. 10th, your Journal from July 31st to Sept. 29/20, and Mr. Thwaites's from April 2d to Sept. 29/20.

We thank you for these Communications. The decision of the Committee, on the points which you have more particularly referred to them, is conveyed in the Resolutions on the other side.

Your Bill for £100 has been paid. We are [illegible] that you find yourself so circumstanced as [illegible] unable to give your time to the objects [illegible] in the way which had been prop nying Resolution, will explain to you, the footing on which the Committee propose to rest the matter, till you shall be able to devote your time and attention entirely to the concerns of the Society in the West Indies. We hope this arrangement will be found agreeable to your wishes.

I have had some conversation with Mr Latrobe relative to the state of the Schools of the United Brethren in Antigua. This will probably lead to some arrangement between him and our Committee, for affording some assistance in their Schools in that Island; but I am not able, at present, to speak with certainty on the subject.

The Resolution which the Committee had come to, previously to the Receipt of your last Letter, will, I think, meet the case of Mr Harrison. Be so kind as to state more particularly, in your next Letter, on what terms Mr Harrison might be engaged in the Service of the Society; and whether his abilities, piety, and general knowledge, are such as to qualify him for a Superintendent of Schools; if so, certainly, he would be a valuable acquisition to us. From what you say of him, he would not, perhaps, object to conform to the Established Church, should he be connected with the Society; and this would, undoubtedly, render him much more acceptable to the Committee.

I remain, my dear Sir, faithfully yours

Josiah Pratt

To the Rev. William Davis and
the Rev. Sydney Stephen, St Kitts

Church Missionary House,
London, June 20/21

Gentlemen

We are duly favoured with your Letter of the 11th of April, enclosing a Bill for £55.16.5 as a Contribution to our Funds from the Christian Auxiliary Missionary Society established in St Kitts

Rev. Messrs Willm Davis & Sydney Stephen

June 20/21

I am directed by the Committee of the Church Missionary Society to convey to you and our other Frien in the Colony their Cordial Thanks for this testimony of the interest wh you take in the great objects of our Society.

Should you wish to be supplied with the Publications of our Society, and will have the goodness to point out a chan through which they can be conveyed t you, the number which you require shall be regularly forwarded. Those for Nevis we send through Mr. Colquhoun, the Agent for the Colony here, in consequence of an application made to him for that purpose by our Friends in the Island. Perhaps you may be able t make a similar arrangement with the Agent for St. Kitts for your supp

I remain, Gentlemen,

Faithfully yours,

Josiah Pratt

June 20/21 — Mr Thos Harris

Mr Thos Harris

Church Missionary House,
London, June 20/21.

Dear Sir

We duly received your Letter of the 15th of February and the Weekly Register of the School from Oct 7/20 to Jany 13/21 has just come to hand from Mr Phipps.

We are glad to receive so favourable a Report of the progress of the Scholars.

The Bill drawn on us for £50 has been accepted and paid.

We regret to find that your new School-House is encumbered with so heavy a Debt. The residents may be fairly looked to for the means of defraying it. The more closely the fundamental principles of the School are adhered to the stronger will be your ground of appeal to the Public for support.

Be so kind as to inform Mr Phipps that we have received his communication and beg him to accept our thanks for the detailed remarks with which he has accompanied the Weekly Register.

I remain, Dear Sir,
Faithfully yours,

Mr. Willm. Dawes - June 21/21.

Church Missionary House
June 21/21.

To Mr. Wm. Dawes.

My dear Sir –

I last wrote you on the 21st of February, and have now to acknowledge;–

Your Letters of Dec. 17/20 & Mar. 9/21.
Your Journal from Oct. 1/20 to Jan. 31/21.
Mr. Thwaites's Journal from Oct. 1/20 to Dec. 31/20.
The Reports of "The distressed Females' Friend Society" and of the "Female Refuge Society."

The Committee feel much satisfaction at the general state and progress of the Schools, and at the labour bestowed upon them by yourself and Mr. Thwaites.

The views of the Committee respecting your connection with the Society, are so fully stated in my former Letters, that it is not necessary for me to do more than refer to those Letters on the present occasion.

We think that in future it will not be necessary to transmit to us the entire Journals of Mr. Thwaites, but only

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the more interesting portions of them.

Be so kind as to send all parcels, containing Papers other than Letters, open at both ends; otherwise we are subjected to a very heavy Postage for them; which may by this means be avoided.

We have no School-master in prospect at present for Nevis. We fear that it will be very difficult to meet with a person competent to take charge of a School and acquainted with a Mechanical Employment which could be turned to a beneficial account in the West Indies, who would faithfully discharge his duties to the Society. We shall, however, bear in mind the hints which you have given us.

Your Bills for £25 and £40 have been paid.

I beg to be kindly remembered to Mrs Dawes and Mr & Mrs Thwaites.

I remain, dear Sir,
faithfully yours

Mr Wm Dawes.

Church Missionary House,
London, July 10/21

Dear Sir

No communication from you has reached us, since I addressed you on the 24th Ultimo.

We now forward the usual numb
of half-volumes of the Registers for the
first half of the current year, with
the Reports of some Institutions wh
will, I doubt not, prove interesting t
you.

We send our Publications for Nev
through the Agent of the Island here,
which arrangement was made in the
Colony by the Rev. D. G. Davies. If you
should be able to make a similar
arrangement for Antigua, the whole
number of Registers might then be sen
monthly; which might be more agree
to our Friends.

I remain, Dear Sir,
Faithfully yours,
Josiah Pratt

[illegible] request you
to [illegible] any [illegible]
[illegible]
any Copies [illegible]
them at both ends; as we shall
[illegible] considerable expence [illegible]
Antigua. We were [illegible]
having charge [illegible]
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I remain, dear Sir,
faithfully yours
Josiah Pratt

Dear Sir

No communication from you has reached us, since I addressed you on the 21st Ultimo.

Mr. Thos Harris.

Church Missionary
London, July

Dear Sir

We now forward the Regis
and Quarterly Papers since Sept.
In addressing you on the
Ultimo, I omitted to request you to
to Mr. Phipps, that any parcel forwarded
to us, through the Post Office, contain
any Papers other than Letters should
open at both ends; as we shall
be saved a considerable expence in
Postage. We were subjected to a very
heavy charge on the last parcel of
the Weekly Register of the School rec
from Thing in consequence of this
having been done.

I remain, Dear Sir,
Faithfully yours

Mr Wm Dawes.

Church Missionary House,
London
Dec. 26/21.

My dear Sir -

We last addressed you on the 10th July and have since received the following communications from you: -

Your Letters of May 5th & 10th, June 2d, & Oct. 15/21;
Mrs Dawes's letter of August 10/21;
Your Journal from Feb. 2/21 to April 30/21;
Mr Thwaites's Journal for Feb. Mar. & Apr 1821;
The Report of the "English Harbour Sunday School Society"; and
"Memoir of Grace Gilbert Hart".

This Letter will be delivered to you by the Rev. Benjamin Luccock. Mr Luccock comes out, through the intervention of the Rev Nathaniel Gilbert, under the Society for the "Conversion of Negro Slaves"; and you will, I trust, find him disposed to use his best endeavours in promoting the spiritual welfare of the Slave and Coloured Population of the Island. As, however, Mr Luccock is immediately engaged in the service of another Society, he may not find it expedient to take a prominent part in ours. You will, I am sure, shew Mr Luccock any attention in your power on his arrival, and aid him with your counsel in settling himself in the Island and prosecuting the objects before him.

It seems requisite to make a few remarks on the Report of the English Harbour Sunday School Society.

It was objected to the statement respecting the Antigua Schools, made at p. 46 of the Survey prefixed to the Missionary Register for 1819, that it placed them exclusively under the Church [illegible]

Mr William Dawes – Dec. 26/21

tion of the money by which they were supp
was raised from other quarters, and the Me-
thodist Society furnished most of the gratuit
Teachers. It was represented that this state-
ment gave offence, particularly to the Methodis

As the statement objected to was inadvert-
ently made, without any design whatever of
doing injustice to any one, that mode of stat
the matter which had been adopted at p. [illegible]
of the Missionary Register for 1818, was follo
in the Survey of 1820 (see p. 66 of the Missionary
Register for 1820), whereby the care and supp
of these Schools were given, conjointly, to the Ch
Missionary Society and the English Harbour
Sunday School Society; and this course has
since been followed.

But this course is not adopted in the abovementioned Report, where the whole system, both of Town and Country Schools, appears to be under the English Harbour Sunday School Society. The Church Missionary Society is but once mentioned in the Report: under the head of "Bethesda"; it is said, that, without its aid the Country Schools could not possibly exist.

The Church Missionary Society has th
just cause to complain, that, after it had
itself placed these Schools, in its statements, co
jointly under the two Societies, and perfect satis-
faction was expressed in this mode of stating
the matter, the Report published in the [illegible]
should place all the Schools exclusively und
the English Harbour Sunday School Society.

And this is the more improper, as it
that by far the greater part of the pecun
burden falls on the Church Missionary
[illegible] the Accounts subjoined to this

it seems that from all other sources besides the Society, the Contributions of the year amounted but to £155.09.8 Currency - whereas those of the Church Missionary Society were £200.17.9 Currency and £225.4.0 Sterling.

And the Church Missionary Society has still further cause to complain, that expressions occur in the Report which savour of party-spirit, and of a want of due consideration of the circumstances under which the Schools are jointly supported and carried on. What need to state that the three Communicants in the Girls' School at English Harbour had "joined the Methodists"? And what necessity for stating that the Teacher C. A. was "a young Methodist"? While the Church Missionary Society is willing to act in the best way that it can for the interests of the young in Antigua, it has an evident right to expect that those that cooperate with it shall do it in the true spirit of Charity; and not push forward names and statements, which a moment's candid reflection will shew to be improper.

If the English Harbour Sunday School Society is not willing to act on terms of reciprocity and cordial charity with the Church Missionary Society, the Church Missionary Society must act entirely for itself - accepting such Teachers as it may please God to provide for them. It cannot continue to act, in a way, which is thus made needlessly inconsistent with its principles, and which exposes it to the animadversion of others.

Any young persons, of whatever religious denomination, who would be willing to assist the Society in a way consistent with its principles, would be thankfully employed: but if there be none such to be found; the Society can only lament

Mr Willm Dawes – Dec 26/21.

this, and will have done it's duty in the
which it has made; but most certainly will
continue to allow things to be conducted in the
manner which now appears to prevail.

If you will have the kindness to inf
us of the decision of Sir George Grey, relativ
the School House at English Harbour, the Com
mittee will take into consideration, what aid it
may be expedient for them to afford towards its
enlargement.

We are sorry that the passage, which you
point out at page 215 of the 20th Report, was in
serted; if it presents any obstacle to the circulati
of the Report in the Island. We use our b
endeavours not to make any statement which
is not fully substantiated; but must rely on
the care of our friends so to express themselves
in the communications, that we may not be
liable to be misled. We trust, however, that
no material inconvenience will result from the
insertion of the passage alluded to.

Our Twenty-first Report is forwarded by the
Lunarch, with the usual Publications to the pre
sent date.

Be so kind as to send us returns, made
up to the end of each year, specifying the num
ber and names of the different Schools, where
situated; whether Sunday, Evening, or Day Schools
the number of Scholars, distinguishing Males and
Females, Adults and Children, Slave and Free,
Coloured or otherwise. These returns should be
despatched to us as soon after the close of the
as it is practicable to make them up. It
be well also to mark the distance of each
from some principal point, – your own
perhaps,

We regret to learn that you have been suffering from indisposition. We trust that, ere this, our merciful Father has restored you to health, and enabled you to resume those exertions from which, through His blessing, we have derived so much advantage in Antigua.

The Bills advised have been accepted and paid as they became due.

We shall be glad to receive your Account Current to the end of the Year, as early as possible.

I remain,

My dear Sir,

Very faithfully yours

Mr Thos Harris junr

Church Missionary House,
London,
Novem: 6/22.

Dear Sir —

I beg to introduce to you Mr Sparkes, a friend of ours, coming out on service to Barbadoes. You will find him disposed cordially to promote the interests of the School, and to further any prudent measure for the extension of education among the coloured population of the Island.

Mr Sparkes has kindly undertaken the superintendance of the Society's concerns in Barbadoes; and you will therefore be so good as to report to him from time to time, the state & progress of the School.

Mr Willm Dawes – Nov. 20/22

Mr Wm Dawes.

Church Missionary [illegible]
London,
Nov. 20/22.

My dear Sir—

I beg to acknowledge the following Communications from you, since I last wrote:

Your Letters dated Dec. 17/21; Feb. 14/22; March 5/2 April 18 & 23/22; June 1, 12, 13, & 22/22; Jul 1/22; Sept. 6/22; & Oct. 10/22.

Your Journals from Apr. 29/21 to Feb. 4/22; Feb. 9/22 to March 5/22; & March 8/22 to July 14/22.

Your Acc.t Cur.t of General Expenses, from April 1/20 to Dec. 31/21 in Currency.

Your Account of Salaries, fm June 30/20 to Dec. 31/21. St

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Table of Attendance at Cook's, Union, & Golden Grove, from March to August, 1822 inclusive.

D° ——— for September 1822.

Mr Thwaites's Journal from May to Nov. 1821, incl

D° ——— from Mar. to Aug. 1822 incl

Extracts from Mr Thwaites's Letters.

The Committee have sanctioned the grant of £100 Currency pr Annum, to Wm Anderson.

We are glad to learn that Mr Horsford has expressed so lively an interest in the Schools. You will feel the high importance of gaining the countenance and assistance of the Parochial Clergy, whenever they can be induced cordially to cooperate with the Society in its labours.

The Committee have had under their consideration those parts of your Despatches, which refer to the application of the Moravian Missionaries for assistance towards the erection of a School-house at Grace Bay; and I am directed to inform you, that, without at all entering into the questions at issue between them and the Wesleyan Missionaries, the Committee do not think it advisable to contribute toward the proposed object.

Your various Bills have been duly hono

The general result of your labours [illegible]

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Dec. 16/22. Rev. John Armstrong.

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Be so kind as to be particular in informing us of any approximation toward our objects on the part of the Planters, either in Antigua or any other of the Islands. Any facts on this head will always be very acceptable to us, and may be turned to much advantage in this Country.

Mr. C. M. Sparkes, who has just sailed to Barbadoes and goes out I believe in the Ordnance Department, is a truly pious man, with whom you may freely communicate on the objects of the Society in the West Indies. He has kindly undertaken to exercise a superintendancy over the "Barbadoes Colonial Charity School," the Masters Salary of which is paid by the Society.

A Box is consigned to you, by the "Glaphyra", containing our Publications to the middle of last month. The Bill of Lading is enclosed.

It does not appear that Mr. Thwaites's Journal between Nov. 1821 & Mar. 1822, has ever reached us. If it has not been sent, we should be obliged by your forwarding it by the earliest opportunity. Your Journal also seems to us to break off abruptly in the midst of the item under date of July 15/22.

We beg to suggest that it would be more convenient to us, if your Communications were kept distinct from each other, on separate sheets or slips of paper.

With kind regards to Mr. Thwaites,

I remain

faithfully yours

Josiah Pratt

To the Rev. John Armstrong.

Church Missionary House,
London, Dec. 16/22.

Dear Sir—

I beg to acknowledge your communications of Feb. 1/21, May 29/21, and April 2/22, and have again to express my regret at the long interval which has elapsed [illegible] I last wrote.

We were much interested by the details whic you transmitted to us respecting the Indians on t Mosquito Shore, and should most gladly have desp a Missionary long since to labour among them, b that, hitherto, we have not had one disposable f this service. The object will not be lost sight of b Committee, though we have no immediate prospe occupying this promising field of labour. Indeed, o of the most painful circumstances connected wit the work in which the Society is engaged, is our utte inability to meet the demands which are made o for Missionaries from all quarters. May the Lord the harvest send forth labourers into his harvest!

The Committee have authorized you to draw on for £50, in aid of the erection of a Building for givi religious and educational instruction to the coloure population of the Settlement, agreeably to the reque contained in your Letter of April last. You will h the kindness to consider this grant as made specifical for the object which I have stated, and make such arrangements as you shall judge best calculated to se cure the appropriation of the Building to it in perp

We rejoice to receive so favourable a report of th character and conduct of Mr Henry Moore. I will, i possible, write to him by this opportunity.

With kind regards to Mrs Armstrong, and our be wishes and prayers for your welfare and the enlarged success of your ministerial labours,

I remain, Dear Sir,
faithfully yours

To Mr Henry Moore.

Church Missionary Hou
London,
Dec. 16/2

Dear Sir —

Your Letter of Sept. 27/21 duly reached me, an would have been acknowledged earlier but for the presure numerous engagements.

The cruel treatment of the Negroes whic [illegible]

28. June 4/23. Mr Thomas Harris.

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to learn from Mr Armstrong that
proved so satisfactory to him that he
you to endeavour to improve your
rdination at some future period, should
seem eligible. We would strongly
to make the most of your present ad
uisition of useful knowledge, as it
nge your sphere of usefulness, whether
le Ministry or not.

I remain,

ar Sir,

faithfully yours

Church Missionary House,
June 4th 1823.

Dear Sir

We duly received your letters of Augt 8 and Nov. 10/21 and Aug. 27/22, together with the third Report of the Barbadoes Col. Charity School.

The Registers of attendance at School, have not been received for a long time: be so kind as to let us have them regularly, at least quarterly.

We now forward the Reports of the Society for 1821 and 1822, the numbers of the Register from July 1821 to the present date, and 25 copies each of the Quarterly Papers No. 23–29. Please to give such a circulation to these Publications, as shall promise

to make the Society and its objects most extensivel
and advantageously known in the Island.

Your Bills have been duly honored. We mus
however beg again to press on the importance of a
to your funds by local subscriptions and benefac
not only in order to economize the resources of the
Society and to enlarge your own means of usefuln
but that you may personally interest the ^of Estates^ Proprietors
and other Europeans in the benevolent design o
extending the benefits of a religious education
among the coloured population.

We hope that you may receive a visit from
Superintendent Mr. Dawes, at a period not far
distant.

I remain, Dear Sir,
Faithfully yours
Josiah Pratt

To Mr. William Dawes, Antigua.

Church Missionary House,
London, October 21/23.

My dear Sir –

Since my Letter to you of Nov. 20/22, we have received the following Communications –

Your Letters of Dec. 23/22; Jan. 11 & 13, Feb. 15, Mar. 7 & 20, Apr. 10 & 15, May 8, June 7, July 5, 7, & 13, and August 29, 1823.
Your Journal, July 15 to Oct. 31/22; and Jan. 13 to Feb. 10/23.
Tables of attendance at Country Schools, Mar. to Oct. 1822.
Your Acct. Curt. from Jan. to Dec. 1822; and Acct. of Expences in visiting the Islands, January 2, to March 30/23.
Mrs. Dawes's Letters of Feb. 13, Mar. 15, April 9, May 3, June 3, July 4, & Aug. 8/23.
Extracts from Mr. Thwaites's Journal (short).
Prospectus of Plan for forming an Auxy. Society at Dominica; Minl. of it's Formation; & Min.s of subsequent proceedgs. of the Comtee.

I regret that various circumstances have concurred
to prevent my replying to the foregoing

30. Octr 21/23. Mr Willm Dawes

Your Proceedings at Dominica and St Vincent have engaged the repeated consideration of the Committee. In the first instance they were inclined to regard the reception which you met with in those Islands and the measures which were promoted, as indicative of a disposition on the part of the Authorities and Owners favourable to the education and religious instruction of the Slave-population. On more narrowly examining, however, the communications which you have forwarded to us, and comparing with them the information which we have received from other quarters, respecting the views and feelings which generally prevail among the Planters in the West India Islands, considerable doubts have been raised in the mind of the Committee, as to the principles on which the Auxiliary Societies and Schools have been established, and the results to be expected from them.

In order to ascertain whether their apprehensions are well founded, the Committee request that you will inform them, whether the education of the Slave-population be the primary object of the Schools in connexion with the Dominica and St Vincent Auxiliary Societies?

The primary object contemplated by the Committee in the formation of Schools in the Islands, is the education and religious instruction of the Slaves; though they would not exclude from these advantages any portion of the Free population, to whom they could be imparted consistently with this principle. It is now become necessary that it should be clearly understood on all hands, that this principle is fundamental to the Society's proceedings in the West Indies, and that no measures will be sanctioned by the Committee, which do not stand on a distinct recognition of it.

You will have the kindness therefore to give us, at the earliest practicable opportunity, full explanations on this point; embracing, in these explanations, whatever may have passed between you and any influential persons on the education and religious instruction of the Slaves, and comprehending your own views of the dispositions of the Proprietors and Agents in the different Islands to sanction such Schools as I have described. Your long residence in the West Indies and the opportunities which you have enjoyed of collecting facts and making observations during your late tour, will, the Committee anticipate, enable you to communicate to them much important and authentic information on these heads of enquiry.

It would also be desirable for you to state, as far as you have had the means of ascertaining the fact, to what extent there exists a desire in the Slave population to acquire the benefit of education and religious instruction.

The Committee also desire to be informed what proportion of Slaves there at present are in the Antigua Schools which are supported by the Society; distinguishing whether they are adults or children, males or females, personal or plantation slaves.

We wish also to know whether religious instruction is ever given to a Slave where the Scholar is not taught to read; and whether, if there be such cases, the omission arises from the prohibition of the Owner?

The Committee also feel doubtful whether the printed Regulations for the Schools in connection with the Dominic Auxiliary, do not prescribe a course of instruction to which the Committee would not feel authorized to give their sanction, while they seem to exclude the Committee from all effectual controul over the management of Schools established in avowed connection with the Society and at its expence?

The Committee therefore have directed me to represent to you that they cannot undertake to aid the establishment of any Schools, over which they have not the superintendance and controul, either by themselves or their Agents.

We trust that the period is drawing on when some general measure will be carried into effect, for the education of the Slave population throughout the Islands. In the mean time the Committee are very solicitous to obtain full and accurate information on the extent to which education is now given to Slaves, and the obstacles which stand in the way of its being imparted more widely.

In my Letter of Dec. 26/21, I requested you to forward to us periodically a Tabular Return of all the Schools. I must again request your attention to this point, as it is very material to us to receive this return punctually. If this Return were made up to the 31st of December in each year, sufficient time would be given to make it up accurately and despatch it to us in time to secure

2. Oct. 21/23 – Mr. Willm. Dawes.

its arrival here previously to our Annual Meeting. It would be well to send it in duplicate to prevent disappointment and delay. We should feel obliged by your including, in the Return any additional heads of information, which may suggest themselves to you. It only occurs to me to add to the heads formerly mentioned, – the names of Inspectors; what each Class is taught; the nature and maximum of the instruction given in each School; the proficiency of each Scholar; and the names and Owners of Plantations, on which any School is established or any Slaves are instructed.

On looking over your Acct./Curr.t, there are a few particulars which require explanation: –

There appears to be two errors in the Currency division of the Ac./Cur.t; one of £1 in that for Dec. 31/21; and one of £1 in that for Dec. 31/22: the balance therefore due to you on the Curry. account would be £113. 19. 11, instead of £111. 19. 11.

In your Letter of March 5/22, you advise of a Bill drawn Jan: 17/22, value £60. Two Bills of that day's date have been presented and paid; but neither of them is of that amount. Perhaps the £60. Bill referred to was dated Feb. 4/22; a Bill of that date & amount having been paid by us?

It would materially assist us in adjusting your Accounts, if you would favour us with the value in Sterling of all Bills drawn on the Society, that are entered in your Currency Account.

A Bill dated Jan. 17/22, payable to Messrs. Macaulay and Babington at 60 days sight, value £50, has been paid by us; but has not been entered in your Account Current.

We hope to forward a portion of the Books requested at an early period.

We regret to find that both you and Mr. Thwaites have been suffering from indisposition.

The Comtee. request that you will convey to Mr. Garland their thanks for the kindness shewn by him to Mr. Thwaites.

It is not very likely that we should be able to procure for you a situation of the description which you mention; and the possession of it might perhaps fetter you in promoting the objects of the Society.

I am, my dear Sir,
faithfully yours

William Dawes Esq. Mar 2/24

W. Dawes, Esq.

Church Missionary House,
London, March 2nd 1824

My dear Sir,

Since we addressed you on Oct. 21/23, we have received your letters of Oct. 20, Nov. 7, & Dec. 9/23; together with a copy of Sir R. D'Urban's letter to you of Septr. 4/23, and your report to His Excellency in reply.

The Committee certainly approve of your communicating to Sir R. D'Urban the information sought in his letter of the 4th of Septr.

They are, however, of opinion that you have entered on some topics in your report to His Excellency which had you considered their bearing you would have abstained from.

One of them is the opinion which you have expressed of the parochial clergy of the Island. This is a subject on which you could hardly be expected to communicate your sentiments; and is, at the same time, of so delicate a nature to remark on, that it certainly should not have been permitted to have any place in an official communication to the Governor, which, in the usual course of things, it were to be expected, would be transmitted to Earl Bathurst, and might possibly come before Parliament. You will we are persuaded now that the matter is presented to you in this point of view, see the serious difficulty in which the Committee would be placed if publicity should be given to matter of this description, emanating from the authorized Agent of the Society.

The other point to which we have referred is the statement in your report to the Governor of your occasional attendance on public worship in the Methodist Chapels. This is a circumstance which for the reasons above adverted to, should by no means have been put forth in an official communication made in the character of the Society's Agent.

34. March 2/24 - Willm Dawes Esqr

You are not unaware of the jealousy with which the Society and its friends are viewed in certain quarters, or of the disposition which is often manifested to represent those who support this institution to be not cordially attached to the Church of which they are members. It therefore becomes our duty cautiously to abstain from whatever might seem to sanction these misrepresentations; and it is particularly incumbent on those who are invested with the character of the Society's Agents, strictly to confine their official acts to matters recognized by the constitution of the Society and the particular instructions which they may have received from the Committee. By this course of proceeding they would keep clear of all just cause of complaint and the Committee would be able to stand forward when requisite in vindication of their proceedings without embarrassment or inconsistency.

Acting under these views the Committee have felt it incumbent on them to apprise Lord Bathurst that they could not sanction those parts of your report to Sir R. D'Urban on which these remarks are grounded; and to request his Lordship, should the report be transmitted to the Colonial Office, not to allow those parts of the report to transpire to Parliament or the public; and his Lordship has very kindly promised to meet the wishes of the Committee on this head.

In making our communication to Lord Bathurst we stated that you had probably been led to introduce into your report the matter objected to, by the very comprehensive terms in which the Governor's letter to you is expressed.

We would embrace this opportunity of adverting to the general principles which should regulate your conduct as the recognized Agent of the Society in your intercourse with those who dissent from the Established Church. While the Committee wish that the most friendly disposition should be manifested by you towards dissenters, they deem it requisite that care should be taken not to identify the proceedings of the Society with those of any dissenting body, with yourself in your official acts. — To convey our meaning more distinctly to you, we would instance the case of Mr. Whitehouse's opening the school at Carlisle. It would certainly have been much more desirable that you should have done this yourself, if no Clerical friend was willing to do it, than have thus associated Mr. W. with the transaction. And you will not fail to observe that in adherence to the course which has been pointed out, no disrespect would have been shown towards the Wesleyans, nor any cause of dissatisfaction given.

The impression that we wish to convey to you is, the importance of your acting, in all your proceedings on the delicacy of our situation as a Church of England Society, without entering into any formal representations on the subject to the parties referred to or treating them in your private intercourse with any coldness or distance.

It is essential that all our proceedings should be consistent in themselves, while a catholic spirit is manifested towards others, and a friendly intercourse maintained with them in their private capacity.

I assure you that we enter on these topics with reluctance lest your feelings should be pained by anything which we say; but we trust that you will believe that we make these communications from a sense of duty to the Society, and without any abatement of our regard and affection for you

The demands on the Committee for assistance in all our different missions is so urgent, that there is no prospect of our supplying you with Schoolmasters from hence. You must therefore look for help on the spot; and particularly make it a leading object to bring forward free coloured persons to act as Schoolmasters. Without this agency all our Missions must languish for want of instructors

The Committee have adopted your recommendation to advance the Salary of Mr. Thwaites's [illegible] to £200. sterling p. annum, and to make him a grant

March 1844. Wm Dawes

of £50 sterling to extricate himself from his pecuniary embarrassments.

It affords the Committee much satisfaction to convey to Mr T. this testimony of their approbation of his services, and they trust that he will so watch over his future expenses as to secure himself against being again involved in debt.

Mrs Dawes's application for pecuniary aid in behalf of the "Female Refuge Society Society" has been laid before the Committee; but, highly as they esteem the object of that Institution, they do not feel themselves at liberty to afford it aid from the funds of the Society. Its claims for support will, however, be noticed in the Register, and we shall have much pleasure in being the medium of conveying to you any sums that may be contributed specifically to this object.

I have the satisfaction to add that the Rev. J. C. Yates, Little Wenlock, near Wellington, Shropshire, has remitted to us Twenty eight pounds, sterling on account of the "Female Refuge Society;" for which amount you will please to draw on me, and which will come in seasonable aid of that Society's funds.

By the Ship which takes this, the "Campden", we forward our publications, a large assortment of Books for a Lending library and for the Schools, with two copies of Scott's Commentaries, one for yourself and one for Mr Thwaites, and a large supply of articles of wearing apparel for the School children and their relatives, supplied by an institution in connexion with our Society.

We shall be glad to receive any particulars arising out of the distribution of this clothing.

Your Bills have been duly honored

With kind regards to Mrs Dawes and to Mr & Mrs Thwaites, and our prayers that you may richly enjoy the blessings of the Gospel and be made instrumental in imparting those blessings largely to others.

I remain
My dear Sir
Ever faithfully yours
Josiah Pratt

Be so kind as to close your accounts to the end of last year; the balances outstanding in them preclude us from any final adjustment of them. J.P.

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William Davies, Esq.

Church Missionary House,
London March 10. 1825.

Dear Sir,

1 I regret to observe that so long an interval has elapsed since we last addressed you. I beg now to acknowledge.

Your letter under date of
Decr 31/23 and Jan: 16/24.
Feb. 7/24.
" 16/24.
March 26/24
April 6/24
May 12/24
June 3^{d} & 8th. 1824.
July 8th. 10th. 24th. 31st. 1824
August 6th/24.
Sept. 16th and 20th/24
Octr. 8/24
Jan: 8/25

Your Account Current from Jan: 1 to Decr 31/23.
Sterling — D^{o} — from Mar. 31/22 to Decr 31/23.
D^{o} — D^{o} — to Decr 31/24.
Currency Acc^{t}. from Jan: 31st to Decr 31/23.
D^{o} D^{o} to Decr 31/24.

Your Journal from Nov. 1/22 to Jan: 18/23. with Table of attendance in November and December.
Return of the Hope School, Decr 31/23.
D^{o} — of Bethesda — D^{o}
D^{o} — of Zion Hill D^{o}.
D^{o} — of Carlisle — D^{o}.
Mrs Davies's letters of Augt 9 and Decr 10/24.
Mr Thwaites's Journal from Decr 1/21 to Feb. 27/22.
D^{o} — D^{o} — from Sept 1/22 to June 29/24.

28. March 1828 – Willm Dawes Esq.

Table of Mr. Thwaites's Attendance.
Report of the Engh. Harb. Fem. Ins. Association.
lists of Bills drawn.

2. It affords us much pleasure to observe the generally satisfactory character of these communications.

3 We regret, however, that the School returns, called for in Mr. Pratt's letter of Octr. 21/23, have not been received. The Committee attach much importance to these School returns, more particularly to that part of them which shall exhibit the number of Slaves taught, the instruction which they receive, their ages, whether field or domestic Slaves, and the Proprietors and Estates to which they belong; that they earnestly expect such returns to be made up with the greatest care and accuracy, and transmitted to them with undeviating punctuality immediately after the close of each year. I am instructed by the Committee to urge this point on your attention in the strongest terms, as an indispensable requisite, to enable them to form a correct judgement of the bearing and results of their proceedings on the Slave population.

4. The attention of the Committee has been strongly drawn to the state of the Slave population in the West Indies, and they have determined to take the most prompt and effectual measures in their power, to supply Schoolmasters to such Proprietors of West India Estates, as may apply to them for that purpose, and who may be willing to bear a portion of the expense. — In pursuance of this design, the Committee request that you will have the kindness to procure for them accurate information of the expense of maintaining a Schoolmaster and his wife, on the Proprietor's Estate in the different Islands. It will be desireable to distinguish what additional sum will be requisite, for each child, should the Schoolmaster have any; and what diminution might properly be made in the Schoolmaster's Salary in the event of his having a house provided by the Proprietor, or of his being provisioned by the Proprietor of the Estate; or in

case both these advantages should be given him by the Proprietor.

5. In contemplation of the object adverted to in the preceding paragraph, the Committee deem it inexpedient that Mr. Prizger should remove to Sierra Leone; but will be glad that he should be employed, under your directions, in the instruction of the Slave population in Antigua, or elsewhere in the West Indies.

6 I beg to suggest that it will not be requisite in future that your own or Mr. Thwaites's Journal, should be so minutely circumstantial, as are those which I now acknowledge.

7 By this Ship you will receive our Publications to the present date, and some School Books &c. Also a Box left here for you from Mrs. Brougham, Finsbury Place. I am afraid we have not attended to all your requests; but if any are found to be overlooked, we will comply with them on a future occasion.

Please to draw your Bills on me, until further directions.

I remain,
Dear Sir
Faithfully Yours,
Dandeson Coates

Mr. William Dawes.

Church Missionary House
November 22d. 1825.

My Dear Sir

The state of the Society's Schools in Antigua, has occasioned us much anxiety, since we more fully understood, from your recent communications the manner in which they are conducted. The Committee fully enter into the difficulty of procuring, under your particular circumstances, a sufficient number of pious Teachers, conscientiously attached to the Church, and consistently adhering to its communion. But they cannot from that line of conduct, which their duty prescribe their Schools in the West Indies cannot be maintained without deviating from that conformity to the Discipline of the Church, and that Subordination to her Rulers which they count as expedient as it is obligatory, they must be given up.

This is not said from any disregard of the vast importance of spiritual religion, nor from any disrespect to other bodies of Christians, nor from any undervaluing of union & harmony among such bodies. The Committee wish well to all who are conscientiously endeavouring to promote the knowledge of Christ: but they are persuaded that it is most conducive to real charity, and to ultimate succeſs, that, while mutual kindneſs is cultivated, each body should act separately in its Miſsionary labours. On this ground, it became neceſsary to separate the Society's Schools from those of the English Harbour Society's, as soon as it was ascertained that the Members of that Society could not conform to our plans.

You seem to think it an infringement on Christian liberty, that the Archdeacon should require the Teachers employed by him to adhere strictly in Public Worship to the Church. But, surely, this is but reasonable, if the means of attending Church be afforded; and it may be expected, from your statement, that these means will soon be provided.

The Committee enter into the views stated, in a recent publication, entitled the Christian Hearer, (as follows.) "The leaven of Truth and Zeal is working mightily in the Church: many of her Ministers and other Members, who may not yet enter into her evangelical doctrines, nor yet rise as she requires them to do above the world, are seriously labouring to do good; and as unhappily, these very persons have commonly imbibed unfavourable views of the most consistent and honourable Members of their own community, every thing which may be justly objectionable should by those who are looked at with suspicion, be conscientiously avoided. The truly religious members of the Church are happily, under all their shades of difference, making gradual approaches to one another; and nothing will tend more to accelerate their union, or to make the Church the bulwark and glory of the Empire, than a conscientious adherence to that devout and heavenly spirit which she requires in all her Members, to her Discipline & her Ordinances.

It may seem to some who have felt, like you, the destitution of proper means in the Church, to be binding things too closely, but it is plain that a Church Society, and all connected with it, are not at liberty to hold or dispense with the laws of their community as they please. There are subsidiary means of edification, quite consistent with the Discipline of the Church, to which recourse may be had, while waiting and praying for better times."

With an anxious desire to benefit the West India Slaves, we could not but greatly rejoice at the sanction given to their religious instruction and the provision made for it, by the establishment of the West India Bishoprics, and at the increasing exertions of the Slave Conversion Society. Whatever part we can contrive to take in this work, must be in strict subordination to due discipline and authority. We are fully aware that the unhappy persons in the West Indies who are at heart disaffected to these measures, will support the efforts of the Church in contrast to those of other bodies, in the hope that those efforts will be nugatory and powerless; but let our exertions be directed to the disappointing of those hopes, and we shall not labour in vain.

We are now sending out two pious Schoolmasters, to be placed on the Estates of a Proprietor in Jamaica, who is friendly to the religious instruction of the Slaves, and they go out fully undertaking to render Canonical Obedience to the Bishop, and to conform to the discipline and worship of the Established Church.

We are anxious to see all our Schools in the West Indies, brought to this state; nor can we justify the support of them to the Society at large, without this conformity

You will see, therefore, the vast importance of retracing, as speedily as circumstances will allow, any steps by which our schools in Antigua have become less closely connected with the Established Church. And you will without delay, take the most effective measures for accomplishing the wishes of the Society, with the least practicable injury to the Schools.

Much should we rejoice to hear that you had opened a friendly communication with the Archdeacon and that the Schools were carried on under his Patronage, and that the Teachers supported by the Society readily entered into those plans, which our avowed principles from the beginning make it imperative on us to pursue.

The Committee are truly glad that you did not send over Mr. Thwaites. It would have placed their Mission in Antigua in still greater hazard. They entered into the following Resolution on that point.

Committee, Nov. 1. 1825.

Resolved, "That Mr. Dawes be directed not to sanction any one connected with the Society to come to this Country, without having previously obtained permission from the Committee to do so."

How much you need the gift of heavenly wisdom and grace, to enter into the direction, "be wise as serpents, and harmless as doves!" May we and you pray for this, under your present circumstances, and above all may a spirit of prayer be cultivated, for all in authority; as the only effective, as well as the most generally attainable means, of disposing them to give all their influence to the maintenance of vital religion, and to the discountenancing of every thing that fosters those iniquities, which have so long been the bane of the West Indies.

Yourself and Mr. Thwaites will, from these sentiments, see the general views of the Committee. We feel for your difficulties [illegible] would be contrary to those [illegible] by a steady adherence to which it [illegible] our whole Country.

Nov. 23/25. Rt Rev. Bishop of Barbadoes.

Rt Rev. Bishop of Jamaica – Nov 25/25

Church Missionary House
London: Nov. 23. 1825

My Lord:

Having, at a personal view with the Bishop of London, mentioned the state of our Schools in the West Indies, he directed me to wait upon your Lordship, and communicate with you personally on the subject.

If you would favour me with a line stating at what time it might be convenient to you to allow me to wait upon you I shall be happy to do so.

I have the honour to be
Your Lordship's obedt Servt
(Signed) E. Bickersteth.

Rt Rev.
Lord Bishop of Barbadoes.

Rt Rev B of Jamaica

Church Missionary House, Lond
Nov 25, 1825

My Lord,

I am directed by the Committee of the Church Missionary Society, for Africa & the East, to to your Lordship in order to introduce to you, Thomas Jones, & Mr Henry Clark Taylor, two

Nov 29/25. Rt. Rev. Bishop of Barbadoes

Schoolmasters, sent to Jamaica by the Society at the request of J. B. Wildman Esq.; to educate the children & negroes on his estates. I enclose to your Lordship the instructions given them by the Committee from which you will perceive that it is the entire purpose of the Society, that they should conduct the Schools in full conformity to the Established Church.

I have the honour to be

Your Lordships obedient Servant

Edwd. Bickersteth

Secretary to the Society

Rt. Rev. B of Barbadoes

Church Missionary House
London Nov 29/25

My Lord

I have stated to the Committee of the Church Missionary Society, the substance of the conversation with which your Lordship favoured me. The Committee direct me to state that it is their entire desire that all their Schoolmasters in the West Indies should yield Canonical Obedience to the Bishop & be placed under your Lordship's sanction. For the purpose of more completely effe this in Antigua & bringing the Schools there in mor connection with the Church, it seems to them desirable, to send a well qualified ^Ordained^ Missionary, having previously obtained your Lordships concurrence who might be situated at the Hope Sch[illegible] & und your Licence conduct public worship, & bring the children to that conformity to the worship, & prin discipline of the Church which is in every point view so desirable.

It will give me much personal pleasure to wait at any time on your Lordship, to commun any farther information which you may desire & rece such advice & direction as you may be pleased to giv

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My Lord Your Lordships faithful Serv

Edwd Bickersteth

Mr Dawes

Church Missionary House Lond

Dec 2/25

My dear Sir,

The Bishop of Barbadoes being in this Country, I have by direction of the Committee had several interviews with him, which we trust may ultimately lead to more extensive usefulness as well as bring the Society in more direct connection with the Established Church.

Nothing could have been more injurious to the general interests of the Society than the continuance of the system on which the Schools have been carried on, now that Episcopacy has been established. The Bishop of London ordains all our Missionaries; the Bishop of Barbadoes is his intimate friend, & had not prompt measures been taken, the Bishop of London's mind might have been so filled with just prejudice against us & to have refused to ordain our Missionaries hereafter. I mention these circumstances to shew you how necessary it was to act upon the spot.

I send you a copy of the Letter which I have written to Archdeacon Parry & the Committee trust that you & Mr Thwaites will enter into the views of the Society & cordially & fully act upon them. You shall have our earnest prayers that a gracious & Heavenly Father may overrule all & direct all to the good of the Negroes & the furtherance of his own kingdom. I am

affectionately & faithfully Yours

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Mr Dawes, Antigua

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The Committee will greatly rejoice, if, by these measure they can still forward the religious instruction of the Slaves, in th principles and according to that form of worship which they as m bers of the Established Church, conscientiously prefer.

I shall be happy to hear from you as early as convenient, and am,

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Ven. Archdn. Parry – Dec. 1825

Venerable Archdeacon Parry, Antigua.

Church Missionary House,
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I trust that, when you have to report the state of the Schools in your Parish to His Lordship, those of the Society will be found not unworthy of your commendation.

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Mr. William Dawes.

Church Miſsionary House,
London, December 23. 1825.

Dear Sir,

We are grieved to hear of many of the things stated in your Letter, dated   and wish without delay to communicate to you our sentiments upon them.

You seem to expect the Bishop to pursue a course of conduct which is quite inconsistent with a National Establishment, the general benefits of which are great and obvious. Where there is open iniquity in a Minister he can of course remove such a Minister, but a Bishop would not be justified in doing this where a Minister discharges his outward duties, though in the opinion of private individuals he may be destitute of spiritual religion.

It is painful to hear of those in authority giving any sanction to things which have a tendency to foster evil practices, but we are persuaded the Bishop has at heart the religious instruction of the Slaves.

The Schools are now placed under Episcopal control, and all the present Teachers will, we doubt not, be licenced, if they are disposed to concur, as the Committee trust that they will do, in conformity to the Established Church. If the Teachers will not after full explanation do this, they cannot be maintained or aided by the Society, and if neceſsary in such cases the Schools must be given up.

The Committee feel strongly, that though this course may in the beginning be attended with serious difficulties and some sacrifices, it is likely in the end to bring with it a far larger measure of the Divine Bleſsing and of permanent good, and is the only method they can publicly justify to the whole body of their Supporters.

Nothing has paſsed with the Bishop as to the Books, beyond what I mentioned in my former letter. Probably the Books now in use may be freely continued.

We must, as Members of the Church of England, wish that the Schools should be connected with and patronized by the heads of the Church, and though we can heartily rejoice in good done by Wesleyans or others, we cannot as a Society eith with consistency in our own conduct or with integrity toward our Subscribers continue the maintenance of Teachers not conforming to the lawful regulations laid down by those in authority over us.

We hope that you will enter with a wise and enlarged mind into these things, and use all your influence to secure the connection of the Schools with the Established Church. Should the Archdeacon see you thus acting, we doubt not that he will join with Mr. Horsford in adopting such measures as he can consistently with his station for promoting this desirable object with as little sacrifice as practicable of the real efficiency of the former system, while advantages are secured which could not be otherwise attained.

I remain

Church Missionary House
Feby 1/26

Dear Mr. Taylor & Mr. Jones

We have great pleasure in sending you by a Ship proceeding direct to Jamaica, the various things which were omitted to be sent before. We enclose you the Bill of Lading.

It will gratify you to hear that after several interviews with the Bishop of Barbadoes, he has with great cordiality agreed to take our Antig Schools under his direction & licence. We hope that you may ultimately be placed in a similar connection with the Bishop of Jamaica

Wm Dawes Esq April 4/26

I send you the Register of this month just published

We shall be happy to hear of your sa
arrival & of the prosperous commencement of
your work. May you labour in patient faith
in lively hope & in persevering love & the bleſsed
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the Lord.

Ever affectionately you

Edwd Bickerst

Mr Wm Dawes

Church Miſsionary House,
April 4th 1826.

Dear Sir,

1. Your private letter of Jany 6th, and that to the Secretaries of February 11th, covering the School Returns have been duly received.

2. We observe with much satisfaction the promptitude with which you have carried into effect the Instructions of the Committee, relative to placing the Society's Schools in Antigua under the superintendence of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. The Committee look forward with hope to much good from this arrangement.

3. It is not now neceſsary to enter upon the contents of your Private Letter; as Mr Bickersteth has so fully communicated to you the views of the Committee, on the subjects to which it refers.

April 4/26. Willm Dawes Esq.

4. I presume that all the Scholars in the different Schools are Slaves, except those on the line opposite the term "free" in the Returns of the Hope and Bethesda Schools. Be so kind, however, in your next letter, as to state explicitly whether the fact be so or not. Be so kind, also, as to state whether the whole of the Slave Children in the Schools are Field Slaves, or not; and if not what proportion of them are such, and what of any other description. I beg you will constantly distinguish in your Returns the number of Slave Children, from the number of Free; and the number of Field Slaves, from that of Slaves of any other descriptions. The Committee, also, wish to be informed whether in any of the Schools, children are instructed without being taught to read; and if so, the reason of this procedure, and the number of Scholars of each description, throughout the whole of the Schools. The Committee attach much importance to accurate Returns of the kind now described; and I beg to remind you, that though this subject has been repeatedly pressed upon your notice, the information which they have sought has not been communicated.

5. By this Ship, the "Topaz", we forward our usual publications to this date. The Bill of Lading and Invoice are enclosed. Have the kindness to inform us if there are any supplies wanted for the Schools, and, if so, to describe particularly those which you wish to have sent out.

I remain,
Dear Sir,
Faithfully Yours,
Dandeson Coates

Rt Rev. Bp of Jamaica - Apl 27/

Church Missionary House Lon
April 27/26

My Lord,

Some friends who take an active share in the proceedings of the Church Missionary Society, a anxious to do what is in their power to prom the religious instruction & education of the Slave Population in connection with the Established Church. They have requested me to apply to your Lordship to favour them with any particulars respecting your plans for advancing those objects which it may be agreeable to your Lordship to communicate.

There may probably be Schools wanting ssistance, or general plans for promoting the instru of the Negroes, which, if laid before the friends to whom I have alluded, would ~~easily~~ doubtless awaken an increased interest in their behalf.

Allow me in the name of the Committe f the Socie', sincerely to thank your Lordsh for your kind reception of Mr Jones & Mr Tayl

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60. Augt. 19/26. Mr. H. C. Taylor.

Mr. Henry Clarke Taylor.

Church Missionary House,
August 19 - 1826.

My Dear Sir,

1. I am truly sorry that a variety of circumstances has occasioned our correspondence with you to fall so much into arrears: I earnestly hope that we may be enabled to avoid this in future. Since Mr. Bickersteth's Letter of the 6th of February, we have received your letters of Feb. 7th and 26th, March 1st, April 7th, May 6th and 29th, and June 27th.

2 We regret to find that you have had to encounter so many obstacles in the prosecution of your work; though, perhaps, they are, all circumstances considered, neither more nor greater than might have been anticipated. We have not been able, hitherto, to bring the whole of your communications under the consideration of the Committee: on some points comprehended in them, they have adopted Resolutions, of which I enclose a copy.

3. You will easily understand that it would be extremely difficult, if not absolutely impracticable, for the Committee satisfactorily to adjust here, some of the matters referred to in the 1st Resolution. The intended visit of Mr. Wildman to Jamaica, will, however, relieve us from the difficulty, and the Committee have therefore availed themselves of his intervention for the adjustment of them.

4. I have no doubt that Earl Bathurst will kindly interpose to prevent your being in future called upon for Military service, in case the local authorities shall not have previously granted you exemption from it.

5. I am afraid that in the multiplicity of demands upon us your few School-books, &c have been neglected: they shall

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6. I had hoped to write more at large, but a confusion of interruptions renders it impracticable. You have still much to animate and encourage you, in your work: pursue it steadily, in faith, prayer, and patience, and the event will not disappoint either your or our expectations. May the Lord guide, strengthen, and bless you!

Kind regards to Mrs. Taylor.

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D. Coates

Mr. Thomas Jones.

Church Missionary House,
August 19. 1826.

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1. I am extremely sorry that our correspondence with you has fallen so much into arrears, which I hope that we may be enabled to avoid in future. Since the date of Mr. Bickersteth's letter of the 1st. of February we have received your letters of Feb. 8 May 13th, June 10th. July 5th. and the copies of your correspondence with Mr. Phillips.

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4. I have no doubt that Earl Bathurst will kindly interpose to prevent your being in future called upon for Military service, in case the local authorities shall not have previously granted you exemptions from it.

5. The Committee were of opinion that an Organ is not at present necessary for the objects of the Mission, and have therefore, as you will perceive, declined to sanction the purchase of it. Besides it is requisite that on no occasion should any new expense of any considerable amount be incurred, without a previous reference to the Committee, and the receipt by you of their sanction of it.

Allow me also to suggest, with all kindness, the necessity of your rigidly watching your personal expenditure; that you may not become involved before you are aware in pecuniary difficulties. Such an event would inevitably destroy your comfort and respectability, and, in all probability, your usefulness; and these painful and discreditable consequences can, under God, only be certainly avoided by strict economy and rigid self-denial.

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Mr Thos Jones

Church Miss: House
Augt 22/26

My dear Sir

Having written to you by Packet on the 19th Inst, I address you now only to advise you that we have consigned a Package to you by the "Endymion" Captn Powell, containing School-books for yourself and Mr Taylor, and a Package for Mrs Taylor which had been lying here some time. Have the kindness to forward what is directed to Mr Taylor as early as may be.

We hope to make a further shipment in a few weeks.

With kind regards to Mrs Jones
I remain
My dear Sir
Yrs Trly D Coates

P.S. A Bill of Lading thereon is enclosed

Mr Thomas Jones, Jamaica.

(Copy)

Church Missionary House,
London, Oct. 18/26.

Dear Mr Jones.

We have received the various Letters which you have sent to us, with mingled feelings of pleasure and pain.

It gave us great joy to see that you had with so much zeal and application engaged in your work, and, under many difficulties, had already made so favourable a commencement. It gave us also sincere pleasure to find that the Bishop had manifested satisfaction in the state of progress of the Children under your care.

We sympathized with you in your difficulties & distresses, and doubted not, as indeed we before told you, that you would often be placed in scenes of much temptation and perplexity.

But there are other parts of your Despatches, which have given us considerable uneasiness and anxiety, and you must allow us to speak with freedom and plainness upon them:

When you went to the West Indies, you of course calculated on meeting with those, unfriendly to the design of educating the Slaves. From various causes many look with fear & suspicion on such attempts. A special measure of caution, forbearance, and conciliation, therefore, were peculiarly requisite in your circumstances. We regret to say that we think you have failed in these respects, in your conduct towards the Manager, Mr Phillips.

The Committee, recollecting your former pecuniary difficulties, have been much distressed at your extreme rashness in involving yourself in the purchase of the Organ. They can have nothing to do with this measure, and fear that it may involve you in very serious embarrassments. It will be quite impossible for them to retain in their service, one who heedlessly involves himself in debt, contrary to the direct precept of Scripture; "Owe no man any thing." They give you credit for the best intentions; but wisdom is as needful as zeal and love.

The Committee, also, much regret the rashness of your writing Letters to Mr Buxton and Mr Brougham. Happily the Letters being sent under cover, we have not sent them. But nothing could be more likely to injure the Society, and to frustrate all our hopes of being the instruments of conveying spiritual blessings to the Slaves, than that any of our Teachers should be the channels of conveying to Members of Parliament, charges against those who manage the Slaves. What Slave Proprietor could receive our Teachers with this possibility? We mourn with you over all that is wrong; your hearts have doubtless been deeply grieved by it: let us carry our griefs to the Throne of Grace. Our God is mighty to save the needy and to help the oppressed; but do not let us throw away a vast scene of usefulness, by departing from our direct duties.

Mr Wildman has kindly shewn us your Letters to him. It is well that we have so real and disinterested a friend, in the Proprietor of these Estates, or otherwise the indiscretions of your communications with him, might for ever have alienated his mind from you. The freedom with which you write to him, where respectful deference is especially due, and the readiness with which you put your debt upon him, without almost asking his permission, Mr H. C. Taylor — Oct. 19/26.

shew that you have not yet attained that due estimate of yourself and your circumstances, which enlarged Christian principle and experience never fail to communicate. The Committee feel called upon to direct that all future communications (respecting the Mission) to this Country, be made only through them.

The Committee are also pained to see that, without their concurrence, you applied to the Bishop for Ordination. They see not how it is practicable for you to obtain that knowledge of Divinity, which is requisite, without neglecting your direct & immediate duties; and they cannot, in the present state of things, sanction this step. You must not immediately, from the kind and courteous expressions of persons of rank and influence, imagine that they intend to comply with your wishes.

In all these things the Committee do not question your integrity or piety; of both they have every reason to think most favourably; but it is their duty to point out where they think you defective, and doubt not that you will take their remarks in good part.

Mr Wildman will soon come to the Island, and with the full confidence of the Committee; and therefore we trust that you will be prepared entirely to accede to his wishes and concur in his plans.

With kind regards to Mrs Jones, and our prayers for your mutual usefulness and growth in grace,

We remain,

Dear Sir,

Very truly Yours,

(signed) D. Coates

P. S. Mr Bickersteth's absence from Town at this moment, and the necessity of despatching this Letter immediately to save the Packet, prevent its bearing his signature as well as mine.

We enclose a copy of the Resolutions of the Committee, relative to your communications to us.

D. C.

Mr H. C. Taylor, Salt Savannah, Jamaica.

Church Missionary House,
London, Oct. 19/26.

Dear Sir—

Since my letter to you of Aug. 19/26, we have received yours of the first of that month, with the Lord Bishop of Jamaica's letter to you of July 8th.

[illegible]. Oct. 1826. Mr. H. C. Taylor

2. You had better state your wants, with respect to Bibles and Testaments, to the Rev. J. M. Trew, and refer it to him to supply them to the extent and on the terms which circumstances may permit. If you could dispose of them on sale, at however low a price, it would certainly be preferable to gratuitous distribution. At all events, it will be desirable to obtain them through the medium of Mr. Trew.

3. We have received from R. W. Horton, Esq. M.P., one of the Under-Secretaries of State, a reply to the Letter addressed to Earl Bathurst by the direction of the Committee, in reference to the exemption of Yourself and Mr. Jones from Military Service, of which an Extract is enclosed. You will perceive therefrom, that His Lordship has given the most kind and considerate attention to the subject; and has put the matter in a train which will, we trust, relieve you both from all further difficulty.

4. We were glad to learn that things were placed on a more comfortable footing, between yourself and Mr. Phillips. Opposition to the work in which you are engaged must be anticipated; and it should be your aim to encounter it with mildness and patience. As Mr. Wildman will now, D.V. be speedily present with you, we do not enter more into this subject at present. You will, of course, conform yourself to such Regulations as may be established by him for your guidance. He is a kind and cordial friend, and worthy of your confidence and respect.

5. Circumstances have occurred which make it necessary for the Committee to caution you as to your conduct with regard to the Slaves. They direct that you abstain from all interference whatever with the treatment of the Slaves, and from all communications to any persons in this Country, in reference thereto. Were a Missionary Teacher to allow himself in such a course, what proprietor would give him access to his Slaves? We mourn over all that is wrong; but let us not throw needless obstacles in the way of communicating to the Slaves the blessings of

the Gospel, by departing from the plain path of duty.

6. By the "Arundel," about to sail, we forward various ~~[illegible]~~ articles, for which application has been made in your Letters.

I regret to be again compelled to close abruptly; but this Letter must be despatched this evening, to save the Packet.

With kind regards to Mrs Taylor and our prayers for your mutual comfort and usefulness,

I remain,
Dear Sir,
faithfully yours
D. Coates

Mr Wm Dawes

Church Missionary House,
London, Oct. 25. 1826.

My dear Sir —

The Committee of the Church Missionary Society having lost many valuable Labourers in Africa, have turned their attention to a supply of Teachers better fitted than Europeans to encounter the insalubrity of its climate. They have been strongly recommended to endeavour to procure Persons of Colour for this Service; and have been led to suppose that there may be many such in the ~~America~~ West Indies, who have the requisite piety, talent, and knowledge to fit them for such an Office.

Their duty would be, the religious instruction of the Liberated Africans congregated in Sierra Leone from all parts of Africa. For this purpose, the persons to be so employed, must be well acquainted with the English Language, and able to read, write, and speak it correctly. They must also possess a good knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, and cordially approve of the Articles and Liturgy of the Church of England, and be willing to conform to the in their whole conduct. But the most important qualification for this service is, intelligent, decided, and matured piety, with a sound judgement and a heart devoted to God, clearly holding the doctrines peculiar to the Gospel, and longing to make them known as widely as possible.

We shall be much obliged if you will inform us, whether there be in your knowledge any persons of this description, who would be willing to devote themselves wholly to labour in Africa to diffuse the Gospel.

~~It would not probably be difficult for such persons to obtain Ordination from the Bishops of the [illegible] Church in America, before they left America.~~

Such Persons should pledge themselves to submit to the directions of the Society, as to the Stations in which they may labour and their general conduct.

The remuneration for their services would be sufficient for their comfortable support; but on this point and any other connected with the design, we shall be truly glad to have your free and full sentiments.

I am, Dear Sir,

Faithfully Yours

(signed) E. Bickersteth

Sec. C.M. Society

Rev. J. M. Trew — Nov. 30/26.

Church Missionary House, London

Nov 30, 1626

My dear Sir,

I am happy to have to write to you, and thus renew my acquaintance with you, on a subject which will I doubt not afford you much pleasure.

Your Pamphlet respecting the religious instructi of the Slaves and similar statements from Mr Stainsby in confirmation of your sentiments having been brought by one of our Members before the Committee, the sum of £100 was unanimously voted in furtherance of your plans. It gave the Committee the more satisfacti to make this grant, as they were informed the Bishop had sanctioned your measures.

The Committee direct me to request that you will have the kindness to furnish us with particulars of the present state of your plans & proceedings, what need there is of continued assistance & any information that w interest our friends. An increasing desire to impart religious instruction to the slaves is I trust prevailing is very important to cherish such feelings.

If you will draw on Mr Coates for the mo your Bill shall be duly honoured. I have ano

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the Bishop to inform him of the aid rendered to your plans.

May our Heavenly Father give an abundant ble to your measures and pour out largely of his Spirit th many may be turned to righteousness! I am

very sincerely yours

Edw. Bickersteth

Bp. Jamaica

Church Missionary House
London Nov 30, 1826

My Lord,

I beg to return your Lordship sincere thanks for your friendly letter, and for the kind attention paid to the Society's Schoolmaster on Mr Wildman's Estates.

Understanding that Mr Trew's plans for the instruction of the slaves had your Lordship's sanction, the Committee have voted £100 to him in support of his measures. We were rejoiced to see so promising a plan for advancing this desirable object and truly glad to render it this support. I have written to Mr Trew on the subject. I have the honour to be with much respect

Your Lordship's faithful
and obedient Servant

Edwd. Bickersteth

Bp. Jamaica Rec.d

Church Missionary House,
London, Dec.r 18/2

My Lord

I apprehend your Lordship has not received the letter of which I send you a copy on the other side, as it was sent just as you were on the point of leaving the Country.

It will give us great pleasure if your Lordship will favour us with your sentiments on the subject of my letter & on the general state of the Schools.

The hearts of very many in this country are deeply interested in the religious instruction of the Negroes & we fervently pray that your Lordships labours for this end may constantly have the Divine Blessing. I have the hon to be My Lord Your Lordships obliged & obed.t Serv

Edw.d Bickers

To Mr. H. C. Taylor, Salt Savannah, Jamaica.

Church Missionary House, London,
Dec. 18. 1826.

My dear Sir —

Since our Letter to you of Oct.r 19/26, we have received your Letters of Sept. 2/26 & Oct. 11/26.

We trust that the arrival of Mr. Wildman in Jamaica, will have placed on a satisfactory footing all those matters which had formed the subject of unpleasant discussion between yourself & Mr. Phillips; and therefore do not advert to them more particularly

Dec. 1826. Mr H. C. Taylor

We are concerned that you have encountered difficulties in the prosecution of your labours; tho' it could scarcely be expected to turn out otherwise. We pray that these trials may be sanctified, & that you may be enabled to encounter all those which may still await you in a spirit of faith and patience, of humility and love. These are the "weapons of your warfare", and in the use of these you will, through the Blessing of God, in the end, prevail.

The various supplies which you have requested, are forwarded with this, in the "James Harris", Captain Tilley. Some Prayer-books are included, but we wish you for the future to procure them in the Island, as pointed out in a former Letter.

There are no Letters remaining here for you; nor have any been detained longer than an opportunity of forwarding them. Be assured that any sent hither, from time to time, shall be forwarded by the first ship. I cannot account for the delay which you have experienced in receiving your Letters.

The Missionary Register now forwarded, will inform you of the proceedings of our Society, and of other Kindred Institutions.

With kind regards to Mrs Taylor, I remain,
Faithfully yours
Edwd Bickersteth
Dand. Coates

We send the letter off in much haste, you have our constant prayers.

To Mr Thomas Jones, Papine, Jamaica

Church Missionary House
London, Dec. 18. 1826.

My dear Sir —

Since our Letter to you of Oct. 18/26, we have received yours of Aug. 5th, Sept. , and Oct. 16th 1826; together with the Register of Schools at Papine for May, June, & July 1826.

We do not enter upon matters that have been in discussion between you and the Attorney; as Mr. Wildman is now on the spot, and will, we doubt not, place every thing on a satisfactory footing.

The Articles for the use of the Schools, which you have from time to time applied for, and which have not been already sent, are forwarded in the "James Harris", Capt. Tilley, which takes this. We have included a supply of Testaments; but wish you in future to procure them from the Local Society, as pointed out in a former Letter.

In your Letter of the 5th of August, you speak of Children for whose instruction you will receive some remuneration: The Commee request you to give them some explanation on this point. Your primary duty is, to give gratuitous instruction to suitable Objects, & nothing beyond this should be undertaken, without having previously obtained the concurrence both of Mr Wildman & of the Commee. We can scarcely suppose that you could engage in the instruction of Children for whom you were to be paid, without disabling you for undertaking that of some

Decr 19/26. Mr Willm Dawes.

who, by your engagement with Mr Wildman & the Society, you are bound to instruct gratuitously. If so, the Comtee would not, we apprehend, be willing, in any case, to authorize you to receive Children for the instruction of whom you were to be paid.

We purpose to send a farther supply of Books in our next Shipment.

The Missionary Registers, which are enclosed to the present date, will fully inform you of the proceedings of this Society & of other kindred Institutions.

With our prayers, that the Blessing of God may rest on you and your labours, and kind regards to Mrs Jones, I remain,

Faithfully yours

Edward Bickersteth

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Church Missionary House, Londo

Dec. 19/26

My dear Sir

Your Letters have been laid before the Committee & I am instructed to reply to them.

We feel for the difficulties of your situation and give you credit for sincerely purposing & endeavouring to accomplish the wish of the Committee to bring the Schools of the Society into close connection with the Established Church. We anticipated difficulties in such endeavours but no other course was left to us as a Church Society.

Mr Willm Dawes - Dec 1826.

We have not heard either from the Bishop or the Archdeacon, but we are extremely sorry to gather from your letter that there are such distrust, suspicions, & painful feelings between you & the Archdeacon. It becomes extremely difficult (hearing only from yourself, who with Mr Thwaites necessarily almost view the Archdeacons plans with distrust & jealousy) to form a competent judgment of them ~~Archdeacons plans~~. We have therefore written to request him to communicate his sentiments freely to u & shall then be better able to give you instructions adapted to your circumstances.

Every degree of kindness, that does not involve religious connection with those of another Denomination we wish always to observe. You will see an admirable of the late Bishop Heber in the last Register which will conv to you much of our mind on the subject. The Missionari in Ceylon felt the difficulties of the course which Archdea Twisleton had sanctioned. There are material differences however in Countries where Idolatry is dominant & in Countries divided into Parishes like the West Indies.

We would earnestly & affectionately request you, to entertain hard thoughts of the Archdeacon. He is perso known to many of the Members of the Society, who have a cordial esteem for him & a decided opinion of his serious pi & were not this the case his official situation calls for much respect & deference in our conduct towards hi

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Ever faithfully Yours
E Bickersteth

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g Ven Archd Parry

Church Missionary House, London
Dec 20, 1826

My dear Sir

Tho' personally unknown to you, I am assured from my knowledge of you thro' common friends that I may write with freedom to you.

We are anxious to have from yourself particulars & details respecting the Schools of the Society in Antigua. You will doubtless be aware from communications with the Bishop that they have not been in a state satisfactory to the Committee from their connections with another body of Christians in ways that we could not fully approve & that when the Bishop was in this Country we endeavoured to take the most effective measures for putting them in full connection with the Parish Ministers, reserving to to the Society the appointment of the Schoolmasters to be presented by the Parochial Ministers & licensed by the Incumbents.

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Rev. J. M. Trew – March 20/27. 79

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I am
faithfully & affly Yours
Edwd Bickersteth

Aug 31/27 - Rt Rev Bishop of Barbadoes

Church Miss'y House, London
Aug 31/27

My Lord,

I take the liberty under the recollection of the kindness with which your Lordship received me in London to write to you respecting our Antigua Schools.

In the great difficulty of finding any thing like respectable, pious, & efficient Teachers our Schools had been in part carried on by those connected with another body of Christians, as your Lordship is aware contrary to our wishes & views.

We understand that Mr Dawes has felt it to be his duty not to propose Mr Thwaites to your Lordship for a Licence under the late communications from the Society.

It has been strongly felt by us however in the great want of suitable Teachers & in the acknowledg ability & character of Mr Thwaites, that his was a case, considering the length of time that he has been connected with the Schools, that might claim exemption from a general rule.

Mr Willm Dawes — Oct 4/27

We purpose to send a Schoolmaster from this Country in a short time to Antigua, but still the loss of Mr Thwaites services will be much felt.

We will inform Mr Dawes that we have written to your Lordship on the subject & that he must act under your decision.

I have the honour to be

Your Lordships obedt Servant

E. Bickersteth

Mr Wm Dawes.

Church Miss. House,
London
Oct 4/27

My dear Sir

I write a line to say that the Committee of the Church Missionary Society have this day set apart Mr Ebenezer Collins as a Catechist for Antigua. The Committee have solicited the Lord Bp of Barbadoes to allow Mr Thwaites to continue his services as heretofore, but to obviate as far as possible the ill consequences to the Schools should his Lordship not deem it right to comply with their request, they send out Mr Collins to supply his place. Should Mr Thwaites be authorised by the Bishop to resume his services in the Society, Mr Collins may either be employed in some other Parish in Antigua, or, which the Committee may probably prefer, proceed to Jamaica to occupy the Station vacated there by the recent death of our Catechist Mr Jones. Mr Collins will I expect sail from hence in two or three days, and I hope to be able to write more fully by him.

I remain
My dear Sir
very Sincerely yrs
D Coates.

Mr Wm Dawes, Antigua.

Church Missionary House, London,
October 6. 1827.

My dear Sir—

1. This is given in charge to Mr Ebenezer Collins, concerning whom I wrote to you, by Packet, on the 4th Inst. The immediate object of the Committee of the Church Missionary Society, in sending out Mr Collins, is, that he should occupy the place vacated by Mr Thwaites, in the event that the Lord Bishop of Barbadoes shall not sanction Mr Thwaites's resumption of his duties as a Schoolmaster under the Society, which his Lordship has been requested to do by the Committee. In this event you will

have the kindness to take the requisite steps for Mr Collins obtaining the Bishop's sanction to his entering upon the duties of a Catechist and Schoolmaster in Antigua. It is the wish of the Committee, that Mr Collins should prosecute the objects of the Society in that Island, under your superintendence & direction, in the manner best calculated to promote the religious instruction of the Slave population.

2. Should Mr Thwaites have resumed his duties under the sanction of the Bishop, it is the wish of the Committee that Mr Collins should go forward to Jamaica, to occupy the place of the late Mr Thos Jones, whose recent death has left one of the Society's Stations in Jamaica without a Catechist. In that case, it is very desirable that Mr Collins should, if possible, proceed to Jamaica in the same Ship in which he comes out, which is bound thither; as by that means a considerable saving of time and expense will be effected.

Earnestly praying that these arrangements may receive the Divine Blessing, I remain, Dear Sir,

Very truly yours

[illegible]. Coates

Asst Secy C.M.S.

J. B. Wildman Esq.

Church Miss. House,
London.
Oct 8/27.

My dear Sir

We were duly favoured with your kind Letters of Jan. 8th, Mar. 12th and Augt. 24th, and much regret that we have not written earlier and can even now write but very briefly.

We were much concerned to hear of the death of Mr Jones and Mr Keyser. This cutting short of the lives of our Missionaries is one of our heaviest trials; but it is the Lord's and he can neither mistake in the course of his dispensations nor fail in the fulfilment of his purposes. We are very solicitous to supply the vacant place with as little delay as possible; but there is no one in the Institution at present whom we could send to Jamaica this season. We have however a Catechist, Mr Collins, going to Antigua, who is appointed, provisionally, to supply the place of our Catechist there Mr Thwaites, whom the Bishop has declined to license, in consequence of his being a Methodist. We have written to the Bishop to induce him if possible to revoke his decision, and if his Lordship should deem it right to do so Mr Collins is directed to proceed to Jamaica and place himself at your disposal for Papine. In that case this letter will be his introduction. Should he come to you, you will, I think, find him a valuable man.

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It is with much sorrow that we have heard of the heavy loss, with which it has pleased our Heavenly Father to afflict you. May you receive those consolations which the gospel only discovers & which the blessed Spirit so powerfully applies to those in affliction!

It will always give us pleasure to hear from you, tho our incessant occupations prevent us writing as fully as we wish. I am

faithfully & affectionately
yours
E Bickersteth

84. Oct. 8/27 Mrs Jones

Church Missionary House
London Oct 8/27

Dear Mrs Jones,

We are deeply grieved to hear from Mr Wildman that your late pious Husband is gone to his heavenly reward - grieved on account of the Mission & grieved on your account, & desire sincerely to sympathize with you in this trial.

May this painful affliction be sanctified to your spiritual & may you receive those consolations & that support which the promises of God & his Holy Spirit so abundantly afford to all the suffering children of God. I am, with much sympathy towards you

faithfully yours

E Bickersteth

Mr John Armstrong

Mr John Armstrong

Church Missionary House,
October 20, 1827

My Dear Sir,

Your appointment is to the Union & Alliance Plantation in Essequibo, on which Property it will devolve upon you to discharge the duties of a Catechist & Schoolmaster in connection with the Church Miss.y Society. The arrangement under which you are sent out has been made between the Committee of the Society and Individuals here interested in the Property in question. By this arrangement the expenses of the Mission will be divided between the Committee & those Individuals. You will be allowed by the Com.e £52. 10. 0 sterling ℘ Annum; and a like sum will, I expect, be paid to you on the spot on accou.t of the Owners of the Estate, who will, likewise, provide a House for your residence. This provision will, it is presumed, adequately supply your wants, if your Salary be expended with frugality and economy. The Proprietors will also provide a Building for a School-room. In this Room you will assemble on Sundays, at the most convenient hour, such individuals connected with the Property as may be able to attend on Public Worship. In conducting Public Worship you will confine yourself to the Reading of the Liturgy & of a Homily or Sermon. You will, however, always employ part of the Sunday in catechising the Children, and likewise such Adults as may be willing to receive this instruction from you. The Committee are of opinion that the Infant-School system of instruction is peculiarly adapted to the Slave Population, and wish you therefore to introduce it as early & to extend it as widely as practicable. Generally, you will embrace every opportunity of promoting to the utmost extent the religious instruction of the whole of the Slave Popu

you will proceed immediately on your landing. Mr Colin Simpson is the Attorney superintending the Plantation. Mr Simpson resides in the Island of Wattanoom, 30 miles from the property. Mr Fowler will advise you as to your first proceedings.

The Rev. Leonard Strong of Demerara is a zealous & confidential friend of the Society to whom you may apply in case of difficulties.

lation on the Property. In doing this, however, you will form your plans on conference with the Persons in charge of the property, and give your attendance to the religious instruction of the people at those seasons when their attendance can be most conveniently given; and you will constantly endeavour to pursue that course which is best calculated to conciliate those Persons, and to secure their confidence and cordial co-operation. In prosecuting this object, however, you must neither compromise principle, nor violate your own conscience. Throughout the whole of your proceedings it will be incumbent on you rigidly & scrupulously to abstain from secular affairs and political concerns, and to keep yourself entirely free from being mixed up with local or personal prejudices or antipathies. Your path is a clear and plain one. Your sole object is to promote the spiritual profit of the Slaves, and by confining yourself to this object and pursuing it with patience, humility, meekness, & charity, you will, we doubt not, remove obstacles and avoid difficulties, and, under the Divine Blessing, take the surest course to success in your Mission. In short, the path which you are to pursue is distinctly defined by that short and comprehensive Precept of Christ, "Be wise as serpents, be harmless as doves." May the Holy Spirit direct, keep, and bless you in all your proceedings.

I remain,

Dear Sir,

Faithfully Yours,

D. Coates

Assist Sec. C.M.S.

P.S. Mr. Fowler, of George Town, Demerara, is the Law Agent of the Estate. A letter to Mr. Fowler is enclosed, and to him

To — Fowler, Esq., Eſsequibo.

Church Miſsionary House,
October 20th 1827.

Sir,

This Letter will introduce to you Mr. John Armstrong, whose arrival at Demerara, with a view to his being employed as a Catechist & Schoolmaster on the Union and Alliance Plantation in — Eſsequibo, John Gurney, Esq. has, I believe, prepared you to expect. As Mr. Armstrong is connected with the Church Miſsionary Socy. the Committee of that Institution will feel obliged by any counsel or aſsistance which it may be in your power to render him in settling himself on the Estate, and in prosecuting the education and religious instruction of the Slaves. You will, we are persuaded, find Mr. Armstrong a discreet and steady as well as a pious and zealous man.

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient St.
D. Coates
Aſsist. Sec. C.M.S.

Rev. Leonard Strong

Church Miſsionary House
October 20. 1827

My Dear Sir,

1. I fear you will think us very negligent Correspondents, as we have been so slow in acknowledging your Letters of February the 27th and March the 12th, which were duly received.

2. It gave us great pleasure to hear of your safe arrival and that such encouraging prospects of usefulneſs were opening before you. May the Lord ever direct and abundantly bleſs your proceedings!

Oct. 20/27. Rev. Leonard Strong.

3. The Committee at once acquiesced in your wish that Charles Carter should come out to you, as Schoolmaster; and we have been only waiting for the proper season for his proceeding to his destination. His studies have, in the mean time, been directed with a view to his future employment, and I trust you will find him a humble and useful Assistant to your labours. He has been charged by the Committee rigidly to abstain from all political and secular matters, and to confine himself strictly to the specific duties of his office, as Catechist and Schoolmaster. He has also been instructed on all occasions to have recourse to you for counsel, and to follow your directions. May he be much blessed in the important work to which he has devoted himself! You will, I trust, find him competent to form and conduct Schools both on the National and Infant School systems. The Infant School system appears to us to be admirably suited to the circumstances of the children of the Slave Population, and the Committee are therefore desirous that particular attention should be paid to its introduction and extension. You will have the kindness to inform us from time to time of Carter's proceedings, and he has been directed to write to us and transmit his Journal once a Quarter.

With christian regards to Mrs Strong,

I remain,

Dear Sir,

Faithfully Yours,

D. Coates

Assist. Secretary.

C.M.S.

P.S. It does not distinctly appear from your Letters how Carter is to be provided for. In several instances where we have sent out Catechists to Proprietors of Estates, the expense has been divided between them and the Society. In these cases we allow £52.10.0 sterling ⅌ Annum, and the Proprietor provides House, Provisions, & School-room.

J. B. Wildman Esq. Dec. 4/27.

My dear friend

Tho' I have been prevented by absence & engagements from writing to you at length I am glad to be able in a P.S. to assure you of our continued & affectionate remembrance. Mr Armstrong, a new Schoolmaster from our Society is gone to labour in an estate [illegible] at Essequibo of which Mr Fowler of George Town Demerara is the Law Agent. We have referred him to you in case of any difficulties.

The Lord guide keep & prosper you

Affly Yrs

E Bickersteth

To J. B. Wildman, Esq. Jamaica (for the Cor. Comee of the Ch: Miss. Society)

Church Missionary House, London,

December 4/27.

My dear Sir —

1. This Letter will introduce to you Mr Wm Manning, who has been set apart by the Committee of the Church Missionary Society, with a view to his being employed as a Catechist in the Island of Jamaica.

2. My Letter of Oct. 8th will have apprized you that Mr Ebenezer Collins had been provisionally appointed to Papine, to occupy the Station vacated by the death of Mr Jones, in the event of his services being dispensed with in Antigua. Should Mr Collins have been detained in Antigua, it will be for yourself and the other Members of the Jamaica Corresponding Comee to decide how the services of Mr Manning may be most advantageously appropriated. As a general principle, it appears more desirable to maintain a Station already occupied, than to form a new one; and therefore, it may be more advisable

that Mr. Manning should proceed to Pasine, if that be still vacant, than elsewhere. But the Rev. J. M. Trew has addressed both Sir George Rose and us very earnestly urging the appointment of a Missionary to Sir George Rose's Estate in the Parish of St. Thomas in the East, with a view partly to supply the want of his own services in the Parish and to carry on in it those important objects which he has so much at heart, should the state of his health oblige him to return to England. We feel the importance of such a provision, and Sir George Rose is willing to place such an Individual on his property, on the same terms that Messrs. Jones and Taylor were placed on yours. Having stated these circumstances, we must leave it to the Corrg. Comme. to balance the claims of the respective Stations and to act accordingly.

Should, however, Mr. Collins have been fixed at Pasine, the way will be quite open for Mr. Manning's being established at Coley.

3. The Committee not having at their disposal an Ordained Student, have despatched Mr. Manning to occupy the Station of a Catechist. But, should it eventually appear desirable, with a view to more extended usefulness, that Mr. Manning be admitted to Holy Orders, and the Bishop be disposed to concur in such a proceeding, the Committee refer it to the Corrg. Committee to take such measures, at the proper time, with reference to this point, as they may deem expedient. We wd. also suggest, for the consideration of the Corresponding Committee, how far it may be advisable, at any time which they may deem best, to pursue such a course with regard to Mr. Collins, should he come to Jamaica.

We address this Letter to you rather than to the Secy. of the Corresponding Committee, as Mr. Manning will probably find you on the spot on his landing.

We forward by Mr. Manning our Publications to this period.

I remain,
My dear Sir,
Very truly yours

E. Bickersteth
D. Coates

J. B. Wildman Esq. Dec. 6/27

J. B. Wildman Esqr.

Church Miss. House,
London.
Decr. 1827.

My dear Sir:

1. I wrote to you on the 6th Inst. by Mr. William Manning. He comes by the "John Shand", Captn. Innes; but the Packet will probably arrive before him. The Opinion of the Comm.ee is that Mr. M. should be placed at Papine or Coley in St. Thomas, as on the whole may appear best. The letter given to Mr. M. will more fully explain our views.

2. I have no letter from you, since that under date of August last.

3. The Comm.ee think it advisable that Mrs. Jones should return to this country, by the first favourable opportunity. The Comm.ee wish to know your views as to the expenses of her return and future provision. In cases where the C. M. Society alone is concerned we consider ourselves bound to bear the necessary expenses till the Widow

and children are under circumstances to provide for themselves; and the principle appears to be so equitable, that I presume you will feel no difficulty in concurring in it, with reference to Mrs Jones and her children.

4. Our funds have this year suffered a very considerable falling off; but I trust it is only temporary: in other respects our prospects are very encouraging; though obstacles and disappointments must always be expected in such a work as that in which we are engaged. The M. Register, of which copies are sent out by Mr Manning, will give you full information on this head.

I remain
My dear Sir
very truly Yrs
D. Coates

To Mr. William Dawes, Antigua.

Church Missionary House, London,
Jan. 11/28.

Dear Sir –

1. My last Letter to you was under date of Oct. 6/27, by Mr. Collins. We have received your Letters up to that of Sept. 27/27 (No. 12) inclusive.

2. By this Ship, the "Antigua Packet", Capt. Smith, are forwarded our usual Publications, to the present date. You will have the kindness to dispose of the copies of the Report and the Half Vols. of the Missionary Register, as you may consider most likely to promote the interests of the Society. Should Mr. Collins have proceeded to Jamaica, we request you will forward to that place the Articles intended for him, by the first opportunity. The Invoice and Bill of Lading are enclosed.

3. I hope to write more fully to you by an early Mail.

4. Pray let us have your Account Current to Decr. 31/27, with as little delay as possible.

I remain,

Dear Sir

Faithfully & truly yours

D. Coates

Asst. Sec. C.M.S.

94. Feb. 21/28. J. B. Wildman Esq.

To J. [illegible], Esq. [illegible], Kingston, Jamaica.

Church Missionary House, London,
Feb. 21/28.

My dear Sir —

1. Mr. Coates's last Letter to you was under date of Dec. 6/27 by Packet, and we have now to acknowledge your Letter of the 25th. of that month. We beg also to acknowledge to you, as a Member of the Corresponding Committee, the Rev. J. M. Trew's Letters of May 25, June 6, and Aug. 2 & 28, 1827; also the Minutes of the Conference of June 13 & Dec. 13/27; Mr. Taylor's Letter of Dec. 20/27, and Mr. Rowe's of Nov. 21/27.

2. We regret that we have indeed been "bad Correspondents"; but hope that we shall hereafter be able to maintain our communications with you more regularly. In order to approximate to regularity, we have noticed the whole of the preceding official communications, though some of them have, we believe, been previously acknowledged. We also give below a copy of the Resolutions which have been adopted by the Committee, with reference to these communications.

3. The Committee have sanctioned the grant of the Corresp. Comm.ee for £25 Stg., in aid of the erection of a School house & Chapel for the use of the Free persons of Colour inhabiting Pedro Plains, in the Parish of St. Elizabeth. They have also sanctioned the further grant of £20 Stg., in aid of the establishment of a School in the Carpenters' Mountains. These Grants have not yet indeed been confirmed by the Committee; but as we do not anticipate any obstacle, we thought it better to apprize you of the circumstance by this Packet.

4. We apprehend that we may find some difficulty in providing an "Ordained Missionary" for Maroon Town, or indeed for any other Station in the West Indies. Should the services of an individual in Holy Orders be found necessary in carrying on the objects of the Society at any point, we believe you must rather look to the obtaining Orders from the Bishop of Jamaica for a Catechist or

the spot, than to our sending out an ordained Missionary from this Country. We think it is not improbable, that we may be able to place at the disposal of the Corr. Committee a succession of Catechists; and if, after having been tried in that capacity, they have conducted themselves properly, they will be the fittest persons to fill the office of Ordained Missionaries.

5. The Corr. Comee will have the kindness to bear in mind that the views of the Committee are principally directed towards the Slave Population of the Island, and will therefore limit the application of the Society's Funds as much as possible to that class of persons only. We are induced to make this remark, as the Grant to Pedro Plains appears to be on behalf of Free People of Colour exclusively. The Comee also are desirous, that the application of the Society's Funds should, as much as may be, be restricted to the object of religious instruction and education, and as sparingly as possible for the erection of Buildings.

7. From the statements and communications before us, we are rather apprehensive that the station of Maroon Town is unhealthy. If this be really the case, it would constitute an insuperable objection to our placing there an European Catechist. The salubrity of the situation must always be a leading consideration with the Corr. Comee, in assigning the station of an European. We would earnestly recommend to the Corr. Comee to avail themselves of the agency of Persons of Colour in carrying on the Society's objects in Stations likely to prove injurious to the health of Europeans.

8. The Committee request that the Corr. Comee will require a Quarterly Journal from each Catechist, and that they will transmit the same to them at the earliest practicable period after it shall have come into their possession.

9. We shall feel obliged by your assuring Mr. Trew, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Rowe that we have replied to their communications through you; and request you will convey to them, and to the other Members of the Corr. Committee, our cordial thanks for their kind services.

We remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly yours,
Edwd. Bickersteth
D. Coates

94. April 13/28. J. B. Wildman Esq.

J. B. Wildman Esq. Church Missionary House London

My dear Sir, April 13, 28.

1. Since my letter of Feby 4 to the Revd J. M. Trew of the 5th of Jany has come to hand. We address our reply to you, as Mr Trew will probably have left Jamaica before the arrival of this Letter.

2. The Committee approve of the arrangement by which Mr Collins has been fixed at Papine, and Mr Macpherson assigned to Moore Town.

3. We are now looking for information of the arrival in Jamaica of Mr Manning, and of arrangements having been made for his being settled on the Raby Estate. Our Letter of Dec 4 will have apprized you that Mr Manning went out on an arrangement between the Proprietor of Raby and the Committee, precisely similar to that by which Mr Taylor and Mr Collins are placed on your Estates. Have the kindness to say whether you know of any other Proprietors who would wish to receive Catechists on the same terms, in eligible and salubrious situations.

4. By this Ship the Columbine Capt. Burns we have consigned to Mr Taylor at Kingston two Cases containing our Publications, some School Books &c. The odd numbers of the Missionary Register may be disposed of in any way the Corresponding Committee may deem advisable.

5. We have just closed our year's Accounts and find a deficiency of income, compared with the preceding year of £1800 while we have an excess of expenditure during the last year over the actual receipts of that year of £9500. You see therefore that our pecuniary situation is one to call us to the exercise of faith and prayer, and to impress on us the duty of the most rigid economy in all our expenditure.

I remain,
My dear Sir,
Very truly Yours,
D. Coates

Mr Willm Dawes - April 16/28

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To Mr Willm Dawes - Antigua

Church Missionary House London

My dear Sir - April 16. 28.

1. Since my letter of Jany 4/28 we have received yours of Decr 5. 27 and Jany 7th and Feby 12. 28. the School returns, the Antigua Assn Rept of Jany 4/28 and Mr Thwaites's letter of Jany 2. 28.

2. The reduced state of the Schools has occasioned the Committee much regret. We have not hitherto received a reply from the Lord Bishop of Barbadoes, relative to the reinstatement of Mr Thwaites in the service of the Society as a Catechist.

3. Mr Thwaites's letter and yours in reference to it have received the particular consideration of the Committee. They feel much for Mr Thwaites's situation and are willing to meet it as far as their circumstances will permit. They cannot recognize any claim on the part of Mr Thwaites to pecuniary assistance from the Society. tho the estimation in which they hold his past services and their sympathy with him in his present distress dispose them to go as far as they conscientiously can in affording him relief. They have therefore made to him a grant of £30 sterling for which you are authorized to draw on me; but beg to add that they do not feel themselves at liberty to go on affording Mr T. pecuniary assistance. A copy of the Resolution of the Committee relative to Mr T. is given below.

4. You will observe that the last clause of the Resolution suggests the contingency of Mr Thwaites resuming his connection with us. Should the Bishop of Barbadoes accede to the representations of the Committee respecting him, he would of course be reinstated in the situation which he formerly held in Antigua. Should however the Bishop of

decision be unfavourable, the question would be still open for consideration whether he may not be employed elsewhere in connection with the Society in consistency with its principles as a Church of England Institution. You will therefore have the kindness to ascertain whether Mr Thwaites would be willing to act as Catechist on the Estate of an Individual Proprietor in some other Island, in case such Proprietor would be willing to receive him in that capacity? We have already several Catechists on Estates in Jamaica and one in Essequibo; the Committee and the Proprietor in these instances dividing the expense. The Committee also wish to know whether, should such an arrangement as that above alluded to not be feasible, Mr Thwaites be willing to proceed to Sierra Leone, to act as a Catechist there? It will be also requisite to learn from Mr T., whether, should he be engaged on either of the suggested alternatives, he would conduct himself conformably to the principles & discipline of the Church of England?

5. You are probably aware that the funds of the Society have experienced a considerable diminution in the year terminating the 31st of March. When the Committee discovered that such a deficiency was likely to occur, a Sub-Committee was appointed to investigate the whole of the Society's Expenditure. In the prosecution of this enquiry, the expenses incurred in Antigua were of course examined. The result was, an opinion, which opinion has received the sanction of the General Committee, that it was necessary to effect a reduction in those expenses. They were led to this conclusion, partly from the reduced state of the Antigua Schools, and partly from the altered state of things since you were appointed the Society's Superintendent in the West Indies, which renders it impracticable to carry into effect the objects contemplated by the Committee in that appointment. This change of circumstances has left you no other sphere of action, but that of a Parochial Catechist and the management of our affairs in the Island of Antigua. However highly the Committee may estimate your services in the discharge of the duties hence devolving upon you, and however

reluctant they are to adopt any change which might subject you to personal inconvenience, they consider they should not be warranted in continuing your Salary at its present amount, now that the sphere of your operations is reduced within such narrow limits. They have been slow to come to this decision on the subject, but as there does not appear to be any prospect of a more extended field of labour being opened to you, they have no alternative but to apprize you of the necessity which exists for such reduction of your Salary. In order that the change may press upon you with as little inconvenience as possible, the Committee have fixed the commencement of the reduction at Christmas next; from which period the stipend assigned is £200 sterling per annum; tho' they have felt compelled to add, that its continuance at that amount must depend on the future state of the Schools on the Island. A copy of the Resolution is given below.

6. We have not yet received your Account Current to Decr 31/37. It is the wish of the Committee, that, in future, this Account should be transmitted immediately after the close of the year; and they likewise request that authenticated Copies of the Vouchers should accompany the accounts.

I remain
Dear Sir
Very truly Yrs
D. Coat.

Mr Heny. Taylor

Church Missionary House; London
April 15/38.

My dear Sir

1. Since Mr Bickersteth's Letter of Oct 5/37. we have received yours of Augt 30th, Novr 4th & Decr 29/37.

2. We have sympathised with you under the difficulties and trials to which you have been subjected. These you have doubtless found it grievous to bear, but they are [illegible]

in mercy, and designed as much for your spiritual profit. and prepare you for the work in which you are engaged. We pray that you may rec-receive the divine support and be guided and prospered by the Lord's full grace in your work. The advice which you suggest to Catechists for the West Indies is very suitable and being the fruit of your own experience will, we doubt not, govern your own Conduct in the prosecution of your labours. The situation of a Christian Teacher in a strange Country is one of extreme difficulty ~~[illegible]~~ and demands much prudence, patience and forbearance. You have however a sure resource in the Throne of Grace: all the supplies which you need are treasured up in Christ, and his declaration is "Ask and ye shall receive!"

3. The Medical expenses of Mrs Taylor in her dying sickness and those of her Funeral the Committee will probably defray. As you are, we conceive, exempt from military service, in consequence of the representation made by Lord Bathurst to the Governor at the instance of the Committee, an application should be made for the remission of the fine. If that application should not be successful the Committee would probably take the expense upon themselves. Have the kindness to give us full particulars on these subjects. I am not aware to what you refer to "as voyage expenses": the passage Money and outfit having been provided by the Society. I know of no others which fall under this description. With best wishes for your welfare and usefulness

I remain
My dear Sir
Very truly Yours
J. Coates

To the Rev. Leonard Strong.

Church Missionary House
London, May 22/28.

My dear Sir,

1. We are favoured with your Letter of Jan 29th and beg you to accept our thanks for the kind attention shewn to our friends Messrs Armstrong and Carter.

2. The Committee acquiesce in taking upon themselves Mr Carter's Salary and have fixed its amount at £100 Stg. thinking that that sum, with the advantages which you kindly offer, will, if economically applied, be sufficient to provide for his real wants. The Committee refer it to you to appropriate and direct his Services in the way which you judge best calculated to promote the spiritual welfare of the people, only begging you to bear in mind that the Slaves and Indians are the Classes to which the Committee wish his labours to be especially devoted. You will have the kindness to draw on me for Mr Carter's Salary in quarterly Payments of equal amount, by Bills at thirty days sight, stating in the body of the Bill the rate of exchange at which it is drawn.

3. Any authentic information which you can procure respecting the Indians, we should be glad to receive, but our pecuniary difficulties preclude the Comm^ee from extending the Operations of the Society at present.

4. At your recommendation the Committee have allowed Mr Armstrong £16 for the purchase of a horse, but he must himself provide for keeping & replacing it.

5. The Salary allowed to Mr Armstrong is £100 per annum, half from the Society, and half from

the Proprietors of the Union Plantation, which with the advantages of residence &c derived from the Estate, we are led to suppose will, as in the case of Mr Carter, be sufficient for his necessary expenses.

6. The Committee could only agree to Mr Armstrong's being appointed Parish Clerk and Catechist of the Parish where he lives, provided that it neither interferes with the religious instruction of the Negroes on the Union Plantation, to which he is pledged by his Stipend from the Proprietors, nor with his availing himself of any other opportunity of administering religious instruction to Slaves consistently with his engagements on that Plantation.

7. Our Catechists in Jamaica have tho' the application of the Committee to the Colonial Secretary been exempted from Militia service. Should such service be required either from Armstrong or Carter, and their representations not procure exemption from the local Governor, it will be necessary for us to apply to the Colonial Secretary on the subject.

8. We will endeavour to procure the Arawack Grammar and Version of the Scriptures to which you refer; but I know not whether they are to be met with in this Country. It will be very desirable that copious and correct Vocabularies should be formed of the Language or dialect of any Tribe of Indians with whom our Catechists may come in Contact.

9. You did quite right to report our Catechists to the Bishop.

10. Our New Zealand Mission has, as you will have learned from the Missionary Register, been much tried. Our last accounts were however more favourable.

The Natives were quiet, the Missionaries united and harmonious; and there have been favourable indications of the influence of divine truth on the minds of some of the Natives.. Mr Williams will I am sure be glad to receive a letter from you.

11. Pray give our kind regards to Mr Porter and assure him he has a constant interest in our prayers. Beg him on no account to omit to send to us quarterly a journal of his proceedings.

I remain,

My dear Sir,

Very truly yours

D. Coates

Mr John Armstrong

Church Missionary House,
London. May 22/28.

Dear Mr Armstrong,

1. We duly received your letter of Jan 26/28, and were glad to hear of your safe arrival at the scene of your labours, and that circumstances have been so favourably ordered to facilitate your entrance upon them. It is particularly satisfactory to us to learn that you have received such friendly countenance and kind assistance from Mr Fowler and Mr Thompson. We doubt not that every thing will be done on your part which you consistently and conscientiously can, to secure their approbation and cordial co-operation in the work in which you are engaged. It is also our gratifying

May 22/28 Mr John Armstrong

to learn that you have found in Dr. [illegible] a Gentleman whose heart has been disposed to render you medical assistance, when necessary, for the sake of your Master and his Cause.

2. We are sorry to find that you have been subjected to some pecuniary inconvenience. This has arisen from our not having distinctly understood from Mr Gurney the mode in which it was intended by him that the Proprietor's portion of your Salary should be paid. You will have the kindness to draw upon us for One hundred Guineas sterling per Annum in equal quarterly Sums at thirty days sight, half of which will be repaid to us by Mr Gurney in this Country. We hope that this sum in addition to residence &c. which is afforded you on the Estate, will be adequate, with economy, comfortably to provide for all your real wants. You must not form your ideas on this subject from the views or practice of the European Residents in the Colony. Various reasons, which it is unnecessary particularly to state, lead them to deem a mode of living necessary, which would be unsuitable to the Character and objects of a Missionary, as well as a draft upon that sacred fund from which the Missionary is supported, which we could not justify to the Public. You will have the kindness always to state in your Bills the rate of Exchange at which they are drawn.

3. At the instance of the Rev. Leonard Strong the Committee have made a grant to you of £50 for the purchase of a horse, in order to enable you to prosecute your duties without risk to your health. For the keeping of the horse you must yourself provide, and also for the replacing of it should that become requisite.

4. Mr Strong had also suggested to us, your undertaking the Office of Parish Clerk and Catechist, should it be offered to you. The Committee would not object to such an arrangement provided it do not interfere with

the particular duties to which you are pledged by the stipend which you receive from the Proprietors of the Union Plantation: or with any other course of religious instruction of the Negroes which may be placed within your reach and which you might be able to prosecute consistently with your engagements on that Plantation.

5. Should you be called on for Militia Service, you will apprize his Excellency, the Governor, that an exemption therefrom has been granted to our Catechists in Jamaica at the instance of the Colonial Secretary, in consequence of an application to him from the Committee to that effect. Should his Excellency notwithstanding require you to serve, you will of course comply and report the circumstance to us.

6. The articles which you request shall be forwarded to you. Always write to us unreservedly on all points connected with your situation. Particularly you will not omit to prepare and forward your Journal Quarterly.

7. We shall be glad to obtain any authentic information which you shall be able to obtain relative to the state and numbers of the Indians; their willingness to receive a religious Teacher; the expense which would be incurred by our living among them; and any other particulars respecting them. The reduced state of the Society's funds, however, and the largeness of the expenditure of our existing establishments which you will learn by the Supplement to the "Record" heretofore forwarded to you by Mail, preclude us from extending our Missionary operations at present.

8. In conclusion we would affectionately exhort you to live near to God in prayer and meditation; to cultivate a spirit of humility, patience and self denial, and deadness to the world; and to give yourself wholly to the spiritual instruction of the people among whom you labour. Seek ever to exhibit to them the grace and love of a Crucified Saviour, in whom and in whom alone is forgiveness of sins, righteousness, Spiritual strength and eternal life.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you

I remain,

Your faithful

10th. June 19/28 - Rev. G. Griffiths

Rev. G. Griffiths

Church Missionary House,
June 19/28.

My dear Sir,

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Rev. G. Griffiths – June 1828

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10th June 19/28 - Rev. G. Griffiths

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Very sincerely yours

D. Coates

P.S. Pray present my kind regards to Mrs Wildman.

D. C.

108. July 17/28 - Rev. G. Griffiths.

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Church Missionary House
July 17/28

Dear Sir,

1. Since my letter to you of the 19th ult., we have received a Letter from J. B. Wildman Esqr. of May the 10th, and one from the Rev. J. M. Trew containing an extract of a Letter of yours to him of May the 8th and likewise of one from Willm. Taylor Esq. the date of which he does not mention.

2. We have had frequent and full communications with Mr. Trew since his arrival in this Country, the result of which is comprised in the Resolutions given below: The Resolutions are so full that any detailed observation upon them does not appear to be requisite. The Auxiliary Committee will of course be aware that it will be requisite in their future proceedings rigidly to adhere to the principles and regulations which are comprised in these Resolutions. We feel it is only by the most judicious and economical application of our funds, and the increased liberality of the friends of Missions, that our present establishment can be maintained.

3. The statement made by you to Mr. Trew of the very restricted nature of the Licence to catechists granted by the Bishop of Jamaica has fixed the serious attention of the Committee, and no effort will be spared by them to induce his Lordship to consent to such a modification of the Licence as may be requisite to enable the Catechists to become efficient religious instructors of the Negroes

4th. Mr. Wildman acquaints us that the Lieut. Governor had declined to exempt Messrs. Collings and Manning from Militia duty. We have written to Sir George Murray, Colonial Secretary on the subject, and though Sir George's reply has not yet been received, we cannot doubt that it will be favourable. Have the kindness to apprize Mr. Wildman of this circumstance, as I shall not be able to write to him by this Packet.

5. We are rejoiced to receive from Mr. Trew so favourable a Report of the proceedings and prospects of our Jamaica Auxiliary Society. I beg to add at the suggestion of Mr. Trew, that the Auxiliary Committee must

drawn upon us for the Salaries of the Catechists employed by them with the sanction of the Parent Committee. We presume that it will not be requisite that a Catechist's entire Salary should in any case exceed £100 Sterling per Annum; whether received wholly from the Society or partly from the Society or partly from a Proprietor of an Estate.

I remain,
Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours
D. Coates

P.S. I have seen Sir G. H. Rose since the above was written and learned that he had had the intended interview with the Bishop of Jamaica. the result is highly satisfactory. The impression made on the minds of our friends in the Island, as to the restricted nature of the Bishop's Licence, appears to be unfounded. I shall D.V. write more fully on this subject by the next Packet.

J. B. Wildman, Esqr.

Church Missionary House,
London, August 8. 1828.

My Dear Sir,

1 Since my letter to you of April 15/28, I have been duly favoured with yours of March the 18th and May the 12th. My letter to Mr. Griffiths of the 17th Ult. will have apprised you of some important Resolutions adopted by the Committee relative to the Jamaica Mission, a Duplicate of which is given below.

2 I am glad to inform you that the impression conveyed by Mr. Griffiths to Mr. Trew, as to the restricted nature of the Bishop's licence to Catechists, of which we were informed by Mr. Trew, proves to be unfounded. Sir G. H. Rose has, at the instance of our Committee, had an interview with the Bishop on the subject, who stated that he never intended to preclude the Catechists from explaining the Catechism to those under instruction. This being the case sufficient latitude is given to the Catechists in the discharge of their duties, and it is very desirable that all others connected with the Society should act under the Bishop's Licence.

3. I wrote to Sir George Murray relative to the exemption of our Catechists in Jamaica from Militia Duty, and trust that the result will be satisfactory. I give below a copy of my Letter to him and of his reply, and likewise a copy of a letter from Mr. Horton in reply to a former application to the Colonial Office on the subject, that you may be aware how the matter stands, and be able to act accordingly.

4 We were rejoiced to receive so favourable a report of the prospects in Jamaica and of the proceedings of Meſsrs. Collins and Manning.

5 With best wishes for your welfare, and aſsuring you of the satisfaction with which we receive your communications.

I remain,

My Dear Sir,

Very truly Yours,

D. Coates

Copy of a letter from D. Coates, Esq. to Right Honble Sir George Murray.

Church Miſsionary House,

Salisbury Square, July 10. 1828.

Sir,

On the 18th of August 1826 I addreſsed a letter to Earl Bathurst, by direction of the Committee of the Church Miſsionary Society, representing to His Lordship that the Society's Catechists in the Island of Jamaica had been called on to serve in the Militia of that Island, and soliciting His Lordship's interference for their exemption from such service. In reply to this Communication, I received a letter from R. W. Horton, Esq. dated Feb. 5th 1827, stating that the Bishop of Jamaica had communicated with the Duke of Manchester on the subject; that his Grace had given directions for the exemption of one of the Catechists, Mr. Henry Clarke Taylor, from Militia duty except in cases of great emergency; and that in every instance where applications for exemption had been made by persons of a similar description, his Grace had dispensed with their services in the Militia.

I am now directed by the Committee of the Church Miſsionary Society to acquaint you, that they have learned by a Communication recently received from Jamaica, that the Lieutenant Governor had refused to grant to the Society's Catechists that exemption from Militia duty which they enjoyed under the Duke of Manchester, earnestly to request that you would have the kindneſs to direct such measures as may be requisite to secure the Society's Catechists that exemption from this service which was formerly extended to them. I beg to add, that, as it appears no one of the Missionaries from Diſsenting Societies is called on for Militia service in Jamaica, it is felt more painfully by the Committee that those of the Established Church should be subjected to a service so foreign from their proper duties and which so seriously interferes with the due discharge of them.

I have the honor to remain, &c. &c. (signed) D. Coates.
Aſs^t. Sec. C.M.S.

Copy of a letter from Horace Twiſs Esq. to D. Coates, Esq. dated Downing Street.
July 14. 1828.

Sir,

I am directed by Secretary Sir George Murray to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th Instant, and in reply I am to acquaint you that the Lieut. Governor of Jamaica has been directed to report upon the circumstances stated by you, of his refusal to grant exemptions from Militia Duty to the Catechists of the Church Miſsionary Society.

(Signed) Horace Twiſs.

Copy of a letter from R. W. Horton, Esq. to D. Coates Esq. dated Downing Street Feb. 5/27.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 18th of August 1826, relative to two Catechists who had been called on to serve in the Militia of the Island of Jamaica, I am directed by Lord Bathurst to acquaint you that, the Bishop of Jamaica having placed himself in communication with his Grace the Duke of Manchester upon that subject, it appears by the Report of the Bishop that his Grace had already given directions for the exemption of one of these Catechists [M^r. H. C. Taylor] from Militia Duty, except in cases of great emergency; and that in every instance where applications for exemption had been made by persons of a similar description, his Grace had dispensed with their services in the Militia.

(Signed) R. W. Horton.

112. Augt 9/28. Mr John Armstrong

Mr John Armstrong, Essequibo

Church Missionary House,
London, Aug. 9/28

Dear Mr Armstrong

1. We wrote to you on the 11th of May, and have duly received your Letter of the 1st of that month.

2. We were glad to learn that you were actively employed and were encouraged by the progress of your Scholars. While you continue to labour in faith and prayer, humility and patience you may cheerfully expect the blessing in due season.

3. By this Ship, "Scott" Captain Irvine we forward three Cases to the care of R. Fowler, Esq, containing articles for your use. Should any thing you have applied for be omitted have the kindness to mention it in a future Letter. Our Publications will inform you of the progress and prospects of the Society.

4. Have the kindness to apprise Mr Carter that two Cases are consigned to the Rev. L. Strong, by this Ship, containing Publications &c. for himself and Mr. Strong, and request Mr Carter to write to us at least once a quarter: we have not heard from him since he arrived in Essequibo.

We do not cease to remember you in our prayers

I remain, Truly yours,

D. Coates

Honble Wm Rowe _ Augt 15/28

Church Missionary House,
London Augt 15/28

Dear Sir

I regret that your letter of Nov 21st has not received an earlier answer.

We have since we received it seen Mr Trew, and had several gratifying interviews with him, & have been much encouraged by the accounts which he has given us of the prospects of usefulness in Jamaica.

The particulars which you sent us respecting the Inhabitants of the Pedro Plains were very interesting to us, & we shall be obliged to you for any farther details on concerning them.

We have always found that Christian Instruction is the great improver of the immoral & the Indolent, & that when this is patiently tried for a sufficient time & with wisdom & kindness it does not fail to produce the happiest effects.

We shall be thankful if the Society has assisted & strengthened you in this good work. I am

Faithfully Yrs

E Bickersteth

The Hon.
Wm Rowe

114 Augt. 16/28. Mr Taylor.

Church Missionary House London
Augt 16, 1828

My dear Mr Taylor,

We regret that we have been so long prevented writing to you; but various circumstances have hindered us & latterly we have been fearful that differences between you & our Corresponding Committee might have led to your being separated from the Mission. We are happy to find that a result so painful has not been found necessary.

Your letter of the 7th of March, tho written under discouragement & despondency, was, on the whole, as it regards the effect of your labours, in 40 children reading the Bible, very pleasing & gratifying to us. We regretted, however, to see the names which you attached to those who had formerly opposed you. We must carefully watch & pray against the workings of our natural spirit, against those who have injured us. How Christlike, how holy, how sublime the direction "Love your enemies, & pray for them that despitefully use you." This spirit gains the true & most glorious victory.

We shall be glad to hear that your own health is reestablished & full particulars of your situation. May you be filled with the Holy Spirit, & exhibit to all around the meek, holy, & loving Saviour.

Ever affectionately yours
E Bickersteth

Mr Manning — Augt 16/28.

Church Missionary House London
Augt 16/28

Dear Mr Manning

We duly received your letter of Feby 25, tho t was above two months on the passage.

You seem to have gone thro many trials in your passage to Jamaica. Such things promote in the Christians bosom the Spirit of prayer, strengthen his faith, & lead him to a more simple dependance on the Lord, & thus fit him for farther usefulness in his service. May they have this happy ffect abundantly with you!

We have attended to the requests which you have made in your letter.

You will continue to write to us from time to time, iving us full particulars of your situation & circumstances, the prospects of usefulness, & the progress of the children & adults around you. We shall not cease to pray for you, knowing that you are in a trying situation, with many temptations & can only stand as upheld from day to day by the arm of our Almighty Redeemer. May he keep & strengthen & bless you!

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446. Augt 16/28 – Rev. G. Griffiths

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3 By this ship, the "Kitty", Captain Anderson we forward our Publications to the present date, including copies of our Twenty-eighth Report, which will inform you fully of the proceedings of the Society in its different Miſsions. On the whole we have much cause for thankfulneſs from the progreſs of the great work in which we are engaged, though in so extensive a field as that which the Society now occupies the scene will always be a somewhat chequered one.

4. By this ship you will also receive Duplicates of "Sets of Returns" for the Miſsion, the Originals of which were forwarded in the "Montague" Capt. Hervey. The Committee particularly request that these "Returns" may be fully and accurately made up and regular-

Mr Collins – Augt 19/28.

ly transmitted at the period specified. Printed directions as to the mode of filling up the "Returns" are enclosed with them.

5 In my letter to Mr. Wildman of the 8th Instant I fully communicated to him what we had done in reference to the exemption of our Catechists in Jamaica from Militia duty, and to him therefore I beg to refer you on that subject.

I remain,

Dear Sir,

Very truly Yours,

D. Coates

Great interest is now felt thro' our Country for the Negroes, & many eyes are turned towards the Christian Labourers among them; may you have grace to labour with industry & patience, zeal & faithfulness, to the glory of God our Saviour, to your own comfort, to the advantage even the everlasting good of the Negroes, & to the honour of the Church of God!

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Church Missionary House
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My dear Mr Collins

It gave us much gratification to hear of your safe arrival in Jamaica. Under the circumstances of our Mission at Antigua, you did well to proceed to Jamaica, and we trust that our God will there open before you an extensive sphere of usefulness, both among children and adults.

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E. Bickersteth

London October 11 1828

Dear Sir,

1. Our last Letter to you was under date of April 16/28. We have now to acknowledge Mrs Dawes's letters of March 10 & April 5/28 and your letters of May 10. June 10 & 14. July 6 & Aug. 5 & 30/28; the "Antigua Free Press" of Jany 11/28; School Returns for the half year ending December /26, June 1827 and December 1827, respectively; Currency Account from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31/27; and the "Weekly Register," July 15/28.

2 We were much concerned to hear of the severe disaster which had befallen you, and of the serious consequences likely to result from it. We trust however that you have under the dispensation experienced that divine support promised by the Father of mercies to his faithful servants, and that you will in the event find it over-ruled to his glory and your good.

3 From the tenor of your communications there seems to be little prospect of any extended sphere of action for the Society in Antigua. Should we have any communication with the Bishop during his visit to this country we shall apprise you of the result.

4 By this ship the "Nepos," Capt. Smith, we forward our usual Publications to the commencement of the present month & some parcels of wearing apparel from the "Maternal Society". There is also included in this consignment, a box from the "Ladies' Society".

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Yours truly,

D. Coates

Mr H. C. Taylor – Oct: 31/28.

Mr H. C. Taylor

Church Missionary House
Oct: 31/28

Dear Sir

1. My last Letter to you, was under date of the 15th of April last and I have now to acknowledge yours of March the 7th. July the 2nd. 9th and 21st.

2. Your Letter of the 21st of July announcing your having joined the Baptist Communion caused the Committee much surprize. They have no wish to lay any restraint upon your conscience; but they should have expected that you would have deemed it right to communicate with them previously to your taking so important a step, involving as it necessarily did the dissolution of your connexion with the Society. We must also observe that when the expense incurred both by Mr Wildman and the Society in sending you out is considered, the case must be a very clear and strong one that would satisfy a christian man that he was right in pursuing a course subjecting the parties who employed him to considerable pecuniary loss, and who had employed him under the impression that his judgement was soundly made up on those points of Christian doctrine a concurrence in which was essential to the maintenance of his connexion with them. This, however, we leave to your conscientious consideration and shall be glad to find that you are usefully employed in connexion with your new friends, in imparting the knowledge of the Gospel to the slave population of Jamaica.

Mr. William Dawes.

Church Missionary House.
London October 11th. 1828.

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Dear Sir

1. My last Letter to you, was under date of the 15th of April last and I have, now to acknowledge yours of March the 7th: July the 2nd: 9th and 21st.

2. Your Letter of the 21st of July announcing your having joined the Baptist Communion caused the Committee much surprize. They have no wish to lay any restraint upon your conscience; but they should have expected that you would have deemed it right to communicate with them previously to your taking so important a step, involving as it necessarily did the dissolution of your connexion with the Society. We must also observe that when the expense incurred both by Mr Wildman and the Society in sending you out is considered, the case must be a very clear and strong one that would satisfy a christian man that he was right in pursuing a course subjecting the parties who employed him to considerable pecuniary loss, and who had employed him under the impression that his judgement was soundly made up on those points of Christian doctrine a concordance in which was essential to the maintenance of his connexion with them. This, however, we leave to your conscientious consideration and shall be glad to find that you are usefully employed, in connexion with your new friends, in imparting the knowledge of the Gospel to the slave population of Jamaica.

3. Enclosed you have a copy of your Account with the Society, which leaves a balance in its favour of £23.11.6. I have not yet had an opportunity of referring to them the "Account of Expenses" appended to your Letter of July the 2nd; but I presume it will not be disallowed. We shall consider your Salary to terminate from the period of your resignation, July 21/28.

4. With good wishes for your welfare

I remain
Dear Sir
Truly Yours

Edwd. Bickersteth
D. Coates

Mr. Ebenezer Collins.

Church Missionary House
Oct. 24/28.

My dear Sir

1. We duly received your Letters of Dec. 24/27 and June July 13 and Sept. 1/28.

2. We were sorry to learn that your health had suffered. We trust that the change of the season has, through the blessing of God, been the means of its re-establishment.

3. You did quite right in appropriating to the children of your School the Articles of Apparel from Mr. McWilliam. Some additional articles of this description are forwarded by the Ship which takes this, the "Arundel" Captn. Ford.

4. The Committee have applied to Sir George Murray, the Colonial Secretary, to obtain exemption for you and our other Catechists from military duty; and we trust the application will be successful.

5. I enclose a copy of your Account with the Socy which you will perceive leaves a balance due to the Socy of £35.18.- I beg to add that while the Committee are willing to make advances on your Account in this country it is their wish that these advances should not materially exceed the amount of Salary due to you.

6. Most of the articles requested in your Letters so far as the Committee deemed it requisite to supply them are forwarded in this Ship. A few others not now sent will follow at a future opportunity.

7. With our prayers for your spiritual profit and usefulness to the poor Slaves around you.

I remain.
My dear Sir,
Truly yours.
J. Coates

J. B. Wildman, Esqr.

Church Missionary House,
London, October 31. 1828.

My Dear Sir

1. I wrote to you under date of Aug. 8th 28, by Packet, and subsequently addressed a Letter to the Revd. Griffiths by the "Kitty," Capt. Anderson, Aug. 16th. I have now to acknowledge your Letter of July 18th, with the Correspondence with the Bishop's Commissaries, which that Letter covered; and your Letters of Sept. 1st & 2nd.

2. The correspondence, with the Commissaries, respecting Catechists Licenses, has placed the matter under an aspect somewhat different from that under which it was presented to us in Sir G. H. Rose's conference with the Bishop on the subject. It will be now

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requisite that we should have some further communication with his Lordship, as the form of the Catechists' Declaration, as it stands in the Papers before us, is capable, we think, of such a construction as would seriously embarrass the operations of the Society. We shall of course apprize you of the result.

3. On the general statements contained in your Letter of July 18th. it is not necessary to enter at length, as the Resolutions of the Committee of June 24/28 have sufficiently developed their views with reference to our Missionary operations in Jamaica

4. I am sorry to say that the state of our Income is still such as to render it absolutely necessary to incur as little additional permanent expenditure as possible. It is painful to us to make this statement; but, the condition of the Society's income imperatively imposes this course upon the Committee in all the Society's Missions

5. In reference to your proposal to open a "Jamaica Fund" I beg to state that we find that serious inconvenience is involved in opening separate funds, which strongly disinclines the Committee to do it unless under very peculiar circumstances: Our friends in Kent have remitted to us the sum of £27. 11. 0 specifically for appropriation in Jamaica, under your direction, and for which amount you will have the kindness to draw on me, whenever you think convenient. The Rev. J. Tucker has, I presume, written to you respecting this money.

6. As you do not state in what respect "the Rules of the Church Missionary Society are inapplicable to your situation & inexpedient," we cannot offer any suggestions on the alterations which you contemplate. Should those alterations be material, you will perhaps have the kindness to communicate them to us, previously to their being made public.

7. As it is the main object of the Committee in the operations of the Society in the West Indies to impart religious instruction to the Slave population, they would probably be disinclined to concur in the establishment, at the Society's expense, of Schools in Kingston or any other town, as they apprehend that the benefits of such Schools would be enjoyed either not at all or in a very small degree by the Slave population. The Committee of the Ladies' Society have made us the offer of contributing an annual [illegible] towards the maintenance of [illegible]

Mr John Armstrong. Nov. 7/28

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8. The Committee are about to send out Mr Joshua Wood, one of the Students from our Institution, for the Coley Estate. He will probably sail in about a fortnight.

9. We have heard from Mr H. C. Taylor of his having connected himself with the Baptists, which step of course would have terminated his connection with the Society, independent of other circumstances. We sincerely regret the anxiety and disappointment to which you have been subjected by Mr Taylor's conduct.

10. By this Ship, the "Arundel," Capt. Ford, we forward our Publications to the present date. The Bill of Lading & Invoice are transmitted to Mr Taylor, to whom the shipment is consigned.

With kind regards to all our friends

I remain,

My dear Sir

Faithfully Yours,

D. Coates

Assist. Sec.

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Mr John Armstrong

Church Miss. House,
London.
Novr. 7/28.

My dear Sir

1. We wrote to you on the 9th of Augt. and have since received your Letters of July the 20th and 25th.

2. It gave us pleasure to learn that your health was still preserved, and that you were prosecuting your Labours with some encouraging hopes of success. We pray that you may be enabled to persevere in faith, prayer, and patience, and then the result will, we doubt not, be good.

3. I enclose a copy of your Account Current with the Society to the 5th Inst. You perceive that though we give you credit for salary to that date, the balance in your favour is only £2.2.6, though the bill for your Clothes, amounting to nearly £30 I suppose, has not yet been paid. You will therefore see the necessity of circumscribing your expences as much as possible, as the Comtee would not like to find you anticipating your salary to any considerable extent.

4. When you have been resident on the Plantation a full year, you

will be better enabled to judge of the necessary expenses of living. When that period shall have been completed, have the kindness to furnish us with a detailed account of the whole of your expenses, and the Comm^tee will then be able to decide on the matter.

5 By this ship, the "Margaret Hall," Captn Gayler, we forward our Publications, a case of wearing apparel from Mrs Rigg, Infant School apparatus, Bibles, School-books, &c. There are also some parcels for Mr Carter, which, you will have the kindness to forward to him with our kind regards, as I shall not be able to write to him by this ship.

Write to us at least once in three months, and inform us fully of your circumstances and prospects.

I remain
My dear Sir
Very truly Yours
J. Coates

126. Nov. 10/28. J. B. Wildman Esq.

Private   J. B. Wildman Esq.

Church Miss. House,
London.
Nov. 10/28.

My dear Sir

I fear, from the tenor of your Letter of Septr. 2/28, that there was something in our Letter to the Rev. G. Griffiths of June the 19th preceding which has given you pain — I am sure that nothing was further from our intention than to produce such an effect, and least of all should we have thought of softening it by flattery. The expressions to which you allude are, I suppose, those in Parag. 5; in reference to which I can only say that they were and are the sincere expression of our feelings. We cordially join with you in "giving glory to God" for all that he hath put it into your heart to do in behalf of the poor Slaves; but I am not aware that the scriptures forbid us to express also our feelings of gratitude and esteem to the instrument through whom he is pleased to dispense the blessing. See Rom. c.16. v.3,4. Phill. c.2. v.19. 20. Phile. v.7. This I am sure was all we intended, and this I think was not only due but called for.

I trust Mr. Inglis's removal will relieve you from much vexation and annoyance, and that the individuals now on your Estates will conduct themselves both to your and our satisfaction and prove a blessing to the Slaves. We are under some anxiety as to the decision of the Bishop respecting the terms of the Catechist's license; as if this point be not satisfactorily adjusted, I see not how the C.M.S. can continue to act in the Diocese.

I remain
My dear Sir
Very truly Yrs
D Coates.

Bp. of Jamaica

Church Missionary House.
London. Nov: 8/38.

My Lord.

I regretted on applying at your Lordship's residence to find that I was too late to a conference with you before your return to the Island.

In the declaration which was sent by D Mr. Pharon previous to his obtaining a licence he was limited to such times or places as the Rector &c. should fix: The Proprietors of the Estates regard that restriction as a material impediment to his usefulness and the Committee, under the same view, trust that your Lordship will see the necessity of adopting some modification.

Your Lordship had a conference with Sir Geo. Rose on the subject and on the kind of instruction which the Catechist might give and from Sir Geo. Rose's account of that conference we presume that the Catechists are at full liberty to explain orally the Catechism of the Church of England.

This will be delivered to your Lordship by Mr. Ward, who has been preparing for Orders in our Institution at Islington but the urgent requests of the Proprietors of the Coley Estate have induced us to send him unordained in the hope that should his labours commend him to your Lordship he may be admitted to Holy Orders in Jamaica.

We have a high opinion of his piety and trust that he will steadily pursue his work.

I have the honour to be
My Lord,
Your Lordship's faithful Servt.

(Signed) Edwd. Bickersteth.

J. B. Wildman, Esqr.

Church Missionary House,
London, Novr. 10. 1828.

Dear Sir,

1. We wrote to you on the 31st. Ult. by the "Arundel" Capt. Forde, since which period no communication from Jamaica has reached us. A duplicate of that letter is enclosed.

2 I now introduce to you Mr. Joshua Wood, whom I mentioned in Paragraph 8. of my last letter. Mr. Wood comes out to be placed on the Coley Estate, on the same terms as Messrs. Collins & Manning are on your Properties, under an arrangement entered into with Sir G. H. Rose and Mr. Davidson. Mr. Wood is therefore authorised to draw on the Society for £52.10.0 Sterling per Ann.; what is farther requisite for his support. a house for his residence, and a suitable building for a school-house being to be provided by the Proprietors of the Estate. Sir G. H. Rose and Mr. Davidson, have strongly recommended the object for which Mr. W. is sent out to Mr. Blakeley, the Attorney, and Mr. W. is likewise the bearer of a letter from Sir G. H. Rose introducing him to Mr. Blakeley. Both the Committee and the Proprietors of the Estate are desirous that Mr. Wood should be proposed to the Bishop of Jamaica as a Candidate for Holy Orders, after about a year's residence at Coley as Catechist, should his conduct during that interval approve itself to the Committee, agreeably to the course of procedure intimated in my letter of February 21/28, Paragraph. 4.

3 The Bishop of Jamaica quitted this country without our having had an opportunity of conferring with him relative to the terms of the Catechists' license. The Revd. E. Bickersteth has therefore addressed a letter to his Lordship on the subject, a copy of which we enclose. You will perceive that the Committee deem

necessary, in order to the facility and effectiveness of the Society's operations, that the Catechist should not be subject to the control of the Parochial Minister, with regard to the time and place of discharging his duties. A modification of the license on this point, with permission to explain the Catechism in teaching it to persons under their care, as conceded by the Bishop in his conference with Sir G. H. Rose, would probably sufficiently meet both your views and ours. The Corresponding Committee will perhaps deem it advisable to renew their communications with the Bishop on the subject, that time may not be lost by a farther reference to this country.

4 Mr. Wood has been desired to communicate to you the Instructions of the Committee to him, of which the Auxy. Committee will have the kindness to take a copy, as we have not time at present to copy them here.

With kind regards to all our friends
I remain,
Dear Sir,
Very truly yours, —
D. Coates

Instructions of the Committee to Mr. Joshua Wood.
delivered at their monthly Meeting. Nov. 10/28.

The Committee have pleasure in appointing you to the office of a Catechist on the Coley Estate in the Island of Jamaica, trusting that by the Divine Blessing your residence in the Society's Institution at Islington has been the means of preparing you for your important duties.

On your arrival in Jamaica, you will deliver your letter to the Corresponding Committee there, and

Instructions to Mr Joshua Wood - Nov 1831.

under their direction proceed to your Station. The Committee entertain a hope that after a short residence in Jamaica, the Bishop will admit you to Holy Orders.

By the arrangement under which you are sent out, and which has been made between the Committee of the Society and the Proprietors of the Coley Estate, the expenses of the Mission will be divided between the Society and those individuals. Your stipend will be £105 Sterling per Annum, the half of which will be paid by the Society, and the other half by the Owners of the Estate, by whom a house for your residence is also to be provided. This provision will, if your salary is expended with economy, adequately supply your wants and leave you at liberty to devote yourself to your important duties.

The Proprietors will also provide a building for a School Room. In this room you will assemble on Sundays at the most convenient hour such Individuals as may be able to attend on public worship. In conducting which, you will confine yourself to the reading of suitable parts of the Liturgy and of a Homily or Sermon. Part of the Sunday should also be employed in catechising the Children and such Adults as may be willing to receive instruction.

The Committee are of opinion that the Infant School System of instruction is well adapted to the slave population and wish you therefore to introduce it as early and to extend it as widely as practicable: and it is their anxious desire that you should embrace every opportunity of promoting to the utmost extent the religious instruction of the Negroes, both old and young, [illegible] struction, as will be likely to secure the largest attendance.

For information in subjects of minute detail the Committee refer you to the Corresponding Committee in Jamaica, who, from their personal acquaintance with the West Indies, will be able to give you many useful suggestions, and on whose judgment you may safely rely. In the midst of those difficulties, which will attend your labours, our hope and prayer is that you will constantly endeavour, while maintaining Christian simplicity and integrity before God, to pursue that course which is most likely to conciliate those who have the direction of the property and to secure their confidence and co-operation.

In prosecuting this object, however, you must neither compromise principle, nor violate your own conscience. Throughout the whole of your proceedings it will be incumbent on you rigidly and scrupulously to abstain from secular affairs and political concerns and to keep yourself entirely free from being mixed up with local or personal prejudices or Antipathies. Your path is a clear and plain one. Your sole object is to promote the spiritual profit of the slaves and by confining yourself to this object and pursuing it with patience, humility, meekness and love, you will, we doubt not, remove obstacles and overcome difficulties and under the divine Blessing take the surest course to success in your Mission. In short the path which you are to pursue is distinctly defined by that short and comprehensive precept of Christ. Be wise as serpents, be harmless as doves.

We sincerely hope that the experience which you have already had in the School of Christ, has led you distinctly and powerfully to feel where alone your whole strength lies, to walk in a faithful course — the past life does abundantly shew every true Christian the truth of that statement of our Heavenly Master "without me ye can do nothing." You will soon become high minded and head strong and self willed and your course be vain and unprofitable, excepting as you learn of Him who is meek and lowly in heart and take his yoke upon you and walk in his steps.

May you have grace then to live near to God and never to let any changing or trying or laborious scenes and duties keep you from that communion with him in which is all your strength, usefulness & happiness!

By Order of the Committee

D Coates

Assist. Secretary

Church Missionary House

Nov.r 10. 1828

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Mr John Armstrong

Church Missionary House
London Jany. 17/29.

Dear Sir

1. My last Letter to you was under date of Nov. 7/28. and we have since received two letters without date. Have the kindness in future to insert the date, without which our correspondence must be confused.

2. The expenditure of the Church Missionary Socy. exceeding its income at present, there is no probability that the Committee will be able to send out an ordained Missionary to [illegible]. We trust however that the blessing of God will rest upon your labours on behalf of the free Negroes so that you may be instrumental in introducing them into the glorious liberty of the Gospel of Christ.

3. By this ship the "[illegible]," Capt. Willis, we forward our Publications to the present date; the Books for which you wrote to Mr Ford, and some of those for which you had applied to us. Some which are not now sent shall be forwarded with the next shipment.

4. We enclose a copy of your Account Current to the present period. The sum of £6 per Annum shall be paid to your Parents as you request; and likewise the £2.10. to Mr Pyke.

With our earnest prayers for your health, personal edification, and usefulness

I remain, Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours,
D. Coates

Mr Chas Carter Jan: 17/29. 135

Mr Charles Carter

Church Missionary House
London, Jany 17th 1829

Dear Sir

1. We duly received your Letter of Septr 7th, and were glad to find that you were so diligently and usefully employed. May the Lord bless your labours and increasingly enrich you with his grace in your own soul!

2. We enclose a Copy of your Account Current to the present date. You will receive by this Ship the "Lucretia", Capt Willis, ~~as forwarded~~ our publications to the present date, which will inform you of the proceedings and circumstances of the Society.

3. Present our kind regards to Mr Strong with our grateful acknowledgements for all his kindness to you and help to our work.

I remain

Dear Sir

Very truly Yours

D. Coates

Feb. 21/29. Mr. Willm. Dawes

Mr. William Dawes.

Church Missionary House,
London. February 21. 1829.

My Dear Sir,

1. We last addressed you October 11/28, and we have now to acknowledge your letters of Sept. 13. October 10. and December 5/28.

2. We have been much concerned to find that you were still suffering so severely from the effects of your broken thigh.

3. At present we have had no communication with the Bishop of Barbadoes relative to our Antigua Schools, nor do we anticipate any change in the present system.

4. You will perceive by the "Address" which I enclose that the Society is at present labouring under serious pecuniary difficulties. A Meeting of the Vice Patrons and Vice Presidents of the Society is to be held this day on the subject of the "Address", and if additional support to a considerable extent be not obtained at an early period, it will be the imperative duty of the Committee to relinquish some of its Missions or stations.

5. We forward by the ship the "Glaphyra", Captain Sowell, our usual Publications. We also send some Ladies Fancy Work which is placed at the disposal of yourself and Mrs. Dawes by some kind friends in England.

I remain,
My Dear Sir,
Very truly yours,
D. Coates

Mr. H. C. Taylor - Feb 23/29

Mr. Henry Clarke Taylor, Jamaica.

Church Missionary House,
London, February 23. 1829.

Dear Sir.

1. Since I addressed you on the 31st of Oct. last we have received your Letter of September 30/28.

2. The Committee have allowed the Account appended to your Letter of July 2/28, amounting to £45. 15. 0 Sterling, and have paid that sum to your Brother Mr. W. J. Taylor, agreeably to your request. The Comte. have also authorized you to draw your salary up to July 21/28, the period when you dissolved your connection with the Society.

3. The Committee have not judged it right to enter farther into the differences which have arisen between you and Mr. Wildman, and decline to communicate your Letter of Sept. 30/28 to the Rev. John Dyer. The Resolutions adopted by the Committee are given below.

4. With sincere good wishes for your future usefulness and welfare,

I remain,
Dear Sir,
Truly Yours,
D Coates
Assist. Secretary

138. Feb. 23/29 [illegible]

Mr Ebenezer Collins, Jamaica

Church Missionary House.
London February 23. 1829

My dear Sir -

1 We have received no Letter from you since that of September the 1st 1828, which was answered in ours of October the 31st last. A duplicate of which is enclosed.

2. By the ship the "United Kingdom", Capt. Lamborn, we forward our usual Publications to the present date.

3. I enclose your Account Current to the present period, to the state of which I must again particularly call your attention, and earnestly request that the direction contained in paragraph 5 of my last Letter may be attended to in your future pecuniary transactions with the Society.

I remain,

My dear Sir,

Truly Yours,

D. Coates

Assist. Secretary

William Taylor, Esq., Jamaica

Church Miſsionary House,
London, February 23. 1829.

My dear Sir

1. Our last communication was addreſsed to Mr Wildman, under date of Nov. 10 '28, by Mr Joshua Wood; since which period we have not heard from him or the Corresponding Committee.

2. By the Ship the "United Kingdom", Capt. Lambourn, we forward our usual Publications to the present date. The Publications designed for the use of Mr Collins, Salt Savannah, are forwarded to him by this Ship, direct, in a separate parcel.

3. The Committee have agreed to allow Mr H. C. Taylor his salary up to July 21 '28, the period when he voluntarily diſsolved his connection with the Society. I apprized Mr Taylor on the 31st of last Octr that his Salary would terminate at that date.

4. You will learn by the enclosed "Addreſs" that the pecuniary difficulties of the Society are become so serious as to render it probable that the Committee will be reduced to the painful neceſsity of relinquishing some of its Miſsions. Under these circumstances it will be requisite that the Corresponding Committee should abstain from any enlargement of the Society's operations in Jamaica.

I remain,
My dear Sir,
Very truly Yours,
D. Coates
Aſsist. Secretary.

140. April 16/29. Mr Willm Dawes.

Mr William Dawes.

Church Missionary House
London, April 16th 1829.

Dear Sir

1. My last Letter to you was under date of Feby 21/29: since which period we have received your Letters of January the 28th and February the 5th, and of the 18th and 16th of March; Visiting Account Curt. for the year 1828; return of the six Schools in St George to Decr 31/28: and some Copies of Antigua Newspapers.

2. The above communications have been taken into serious consideration by the Committee, and their decision is contained in the Resolutions of which a copy is given below. The relinquishment of the Society's operations in Antigua has given the Committee great pain; but the state to which the Schools have been reduced has made it obligatory upon them to take this step, with the view of so applying the funds of the Society as may on the whole be found most economical and beneficial.

3. Adverting to the period during which you have been employed in the Society's service and to the effects on your health of the disaster which befel you in February last year the Committee have authorised you to draw upon me for the sum of £75 Sterling per Ann: should your circumstances continue such as to render this assistance necessary.

4. You will have the kindness to procure & transmit to me the information required in the 9th Resolution as early as practicable, and in the mean time take the necessary measures for winding up the affairs of the Society in Antigua in the manner which may be most advantageous.

5. We have had an application from the Wesleyan Missionary Society for the use of the Society's School House at Willoughby Bay, while their chapel at that place is rebuilding, and with that request our Committee have thought it right to comply. You will therefore have the kindness to act accordingly, so arranging that their use of the School room may interfere as little as may be with the School, so long as it may be kept upon the Society's Account.

6. We had hoped ere now to receive duly filled up the Forms of Returns sent out. Your Currency Acct. Current is also in arrears: we do not appear to have received it up to a later date than December 1827

I remain,

Dear Sir

Very truly yours

D. Coates

142. July 16/29 = Rev. John Stainsby

Rev. John Stainsby.

Church Missionary House,
July 16th 1829

Dear Sir,

1. Our last letter relative to the Jamaica Mission, was addressed to William Taylor Esq Feb. 28/29. We have now to acknowledge your Letter of Mar. 16/29 and the revised Regulations of the Bishop relative to Catechists.

2. Since Mr Beldeman's return to this Country we have had several conferences with him relative to the Jamaica Mission, and he and the Rev. J. M. Trew have attended a Meeting of the Committee of Correspondence to deliberate fully on the present State and future proceedings. Some of the conclusions to which they were brought are comprised in the Resolutions of which I enclose a copy.

3. It was not without much pain that the Committee adopted those Resolutions which relate to Messrs Collins and Manning; but with the information which was before them they could not do otherwise without a dereliction of duty. Mr Bickersteth's absence from Town at present, on a visit to some of our Associations, will prevent him from writing to Messrs Collins and Manning by the present Packet; and you had better therefore perhaps not communicate the Resolutions of the Committee to them at present. We are unwilling to relinquish the hope that the decision to which the Committee have felt themselves constrained to come respecting them, combined with the representations which will be addressed to them by Mr Bickersteth and the influence of the Auxiliary Committee, will have the effect of bringing them to apply with intelligence and assiduity to their duties, so that, under the divine Blessing, they may be made instrumental of promoting the religious instruction and spiritual edification

of the persons placed under their charge.

4. You will observe by the Resolution of June 23/29. that the Committee have been led to make some changes in the course of proceeding in the Jamaica Mission contemplated by the Resolutions June 3/28. The principal reasons which have induced the Committee to make this change are these: —
I. That the growing extent of the Society's operations, combined with that uncertainty as to income which is incident to a voluntary Society dependent on public opinion for its support, renders it absolutely necessary to limit the expenditure of our several Missions to a fixed amount, in order to guard against serious pecuniary embarrassments; and II that it will probably be more satisfactory to the Auxiliary Committee to know precisely the amount of the funds at their disposal, that they may frame their plans accordingly. The Aux. Comt. will have the kindness to consider this plan as coming into operation on the 1st of Jany next, and will on no account draw upon us in any one year for a larger sum than £800 for the entire expenditure of the Society of every kind on account of the Jamaica Mission. It will therefore be requisite to consider well the ultimate expense in which any undertaking will involve you, before it is adopted; as there is an inherent tendency in Missionary Operations to enlargement; and consequently to increased expense; while your resources, so far as they are to be derived from us, will remain at a fixed amount. This consideration will show you the necessity of obtaining local funds in order to the progressive enlargement of your operations. The effecting of this therefore we recommend to the special care and attention of the Auxiliary Committee

5. You will observe by the 4th Resolution of May 26/29 that the Aux. Comee are charged with drawing on us for the whole expenditure of the Mission. This Resolution you will have the kindness to consider as taking effect from the period of its communication to the Aux. Comee, and apprise Messrs Manning and Collins

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and Wood that they must not in future draw on us but apply to the Aux. Comee for their Salaries and other expenses. It may be requisite to remind the Aux. Comee that the above mentioned Individuals receive from the Society a Salary of £50 Sterling Per Annum each; an equal sum or its value in provisions &c being assigned them by the Gentlemen on whose Estates they are placed. Any expenses beyond their Salary must be entirely regulated by the Aux. Comee. It is necessary to add that on the 24th ult. Mr Collins had drawn on the Society in advance to the amount of about £30, which must be liquidated out of his future Stipend. We will forward for your information a copy of the Acct Curt of each of these Individuals, when we next send our Publications which will probably be in the course of a week or two – that they may be properly adjusted.

6. Permit me to call your particular attention to the Forms of Returns for the Missions transmitted to the Rev. G. Griffiths by the "Montague" Capt. Harvey, and in Duplicate by the "Kitty" Capt. Anderson, Augt 1/28. The Committee very particularly call the attention of the Aux. Comee to these Returns, that they may be filled up with completeness and accuracy. Those for the year 1828 were in some particulars defective, any instances of which involves us in serious inconvenience. I would especially call your attention to the Returns No. 1 & 12. and to the General Return Sheet. In Return No 2 it is essential that you should distinguish at each Station the number of Free Coloured and Slaves, and of the Slaves how many Plantation and how many Household ones.

7. Have the kindness to apprise Mr Wood – as we shall not be able to write to him by this Packet – that we duly received his Letters of Feb the 14th and April the 20th; and that his requests relative to Tillotson's and Tomline's Theology will be attended to.

I remain,
My dear Sir,
Very truly Yours.
D. Coates

Mr Dawes

Church Missionary House
July 16th 1829.

My Dear Sir

1. Since I addressed you April 26/29 I have received your letters of April the 6th, May the 5th, 13th & 30th and June the 6th; one of May 13th introducing Mr Gosling and the Returns, Reports, and Newspapers therein referred to.

2. My object in writing at present is to say that the "Ladies' Society" appear to be desirous to obtain the School House for the purposes of that Society, and will probably enter into some arrangement with our Committee for that purpose. You will therefore have the kindness not to dispose of the School House — if you have not done so already — until you hear from me again on the subject.

I remain,
Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours.
D. Coates

146 Aug. 5/29. Wm. Taylor, Esq.

To William Taylor, Esq. Jamaica.

Church Missionary House, London,
August 5/29.

My dear Sir—

1. We wrote to the Rev. J. Stainsby, by Packet, on the 15th. Ult.; a Duplicate of which is enclosed, as its contents are important.

2. By this Ship, the "Osprey" Capt. Masters, we forward our Publications to the present date, supplies of School materials, & Parcels for Messrs. Collins, Manning, & Wood. The Invoice and Bill of Lading are enclosed.

3. A married Catechist, Mr. William Stearn, is set apart by the Committee for Jamaica; and will probably sail for Kingston in the month of October. Both he and his wife will, we trust, be found efficient Instructors, and well acquainted with the National and Infant School Systems. In the event of either Mr. Collins or Mr. Manning being removed, it will probably be advisable to appoint Mr. Stearn as his Successor; as Mr. Wildman has certainly been very grievously disappointed hitherto in the Teachers placed on his Properties, and we have reason to hope better things of Mr. Stearn.

I remain,
Dear Sir,
Very truly yours
D. Coates

P.S. Mr. Bickersteth's letters to Messrs. Collins and Manning, pursuant to the Resolutions of the Com.ee of May 26/29, are enclosed: have the kindness to hand them to the Rev. John Stainsby, to be forwarded to the parties, after having been read by him.

D.C.

I also enclose Mr. Collins's & Manning's Acct. Current. We
have nothing to Debit Mr. Wood with. D.C.

Mr Manning, Augt 5/29

Church Missionary House, Londo
Augt 5/29

Dear Mr Manning

We have duly received your letters down to the 28th of March, & thank you for the accounts which you have given us of your proceedings.

It gave us pleasure to hear that your health had been good, & that you had so speedily recovered from the Cholera Morbus with which you had been attacked.

We wish that we could write with equal satisfact respecting your Schools; but it would be unjust to you & to our common cause not to inform you that our accounts of the progress of the children from other quarters are unsatisfactory, & that it has been said some of the children read better two years back, under Mr Jones' tuition. We are also informed that there is a large population around Papine, affording a great field for usefulness, on which it is in every respect desirable that you should endeavour to labour to communicate religious knowledge.

We know the debilitating effect of tropical Climates; but we also know what devoted men fully alive to their responsible & important Office have do in Jamaica itself, & we would therefore earnestly charge you to be fully alive to your important duties – to be not backward in your work, but "fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." The Master we serve justly claims a zealous, patient, steady, persevering service from us.

The Committee direct us to say that they are disappointed that you have not manifested more energy, & to preſs upon you the neceſsity of engaging personally in the education as well as in the religious instruction of the children under your charge. They wish us also to apprise you that they had it not in contemplation to propose you as a Candidate for Holy Orders to the Bishop of Jamaica, unleſs your previous conduct shod. so commend itself to them as to sanction their taking such a step.

Having now discharged a painful duty - we can only aſsure you of our fervent prayers that grace may be abundantly given to you, for all your work. Live near to the Saviour, & partaking of his fulneſs, you will long to impart the tidings of his love to others; & in doing this will yourself be enlivened & refreshed. The more you do for others, the more you will be enabled to do, & you will find the work its own reward & the joy of the Lord your strength. Think dear brother, how our hearts are discouraged & our hands weakened when our beloved labourers among the Heathen faint in the way. Let us be comforted & strengthened by seeing & hearing that our God is quickening you to entire devotedneſs to his work.

affectionately Yours

E Bickersteth

Church Missionary House
London Augt 5/29

Dear Mr Collins

We have received your letters down to the 10th of March last, & are glad to find that your health has been reestablished, & that you are enabled to pursue your labours.

We much regret to have to state that the accounts which our friends give us of your proceedings is such as to give pain rather than satisfaction to the Committee. They are informed that the schools are not duly attended to, & that there is a want of diligence & activity in promoting the education & religious instruction of the persons on the estate on which you are placed.

The Committee have felt these representations to be so serious, that they entertain serious doubts whether you can be advantageously retained as an Agent of the Society. They have referred the matter however to the Auxiliary Committee, authorizing them to take such steps as they may judge requisite.

We need not say how painful it is to us to write in this way, & how much more we should

150 Augt 5/29. Mr Collins.

joice to have to use the language of unmingled commendation; but sincerity towards yourself & fidelity towards the great cause obliges us to this plainness of speech.

May our God give you grace zealously & fully to devote yourself to the service of your Heavenly Master! You have a vast field open to you; many eyes are upon you; many talents are entrusted to you O be faithful to him who has bought you at the costly price of his blood, that you might glorify him by an entire consecration of yourself to his service!

How will it then rejoice us to see you giving yourself entirely to the work to which you have been called, & ~~[illegible]~~ animating the hearts of those friends of the Society, who, at many sacrifices, have invited you to assist in their benevolent plans!

With sincere prayers for your best prosperity

affectionately Yours

E Bickersteth

Mr John Armstrong

Church Missionary House,
London August 21st 1829

Dear Sir

1. We last wrote to you Jany 17/29. Since that date we have received your Letters of Dec 26/28. and Jan. 27th Mar 24th and June 10/29.

2. We are concerned to find that you meet with obstacles in the prosecution of your labours; though this perhaps is not more than was to be expected in your circumstances. You may rest assured that it is as little in the power of Mr Gurney as of the Committee to remove the difficulties to which you refer. Mr G. acts for a Lady who is one Mortgagee, among others, of the Property on which you are placed. Consequently he has no direct controul over it, and what has been done for the Slaves, by your being appointed School-master on the Property, is done at the Individual expense of the Lady above mentioned, out of solicitude for the spiritual welfare of the Slaves. In point of fact neither this Lady, nor of course Mr Gurney, who acts for her, has any authoritative controul over the Property, with respect to their religious instruction. You will therefore see that Mr G. had no power to remove the obstacles of which you complain, and that it is the more necessary that you should proceed with prudence and circumspection in your work. You may rest assured that both Mr G. and we are disposed to give you every support in our power. Circumstanced as things are, we have reason to be thankful that the door is so far opened to promote the spiritual improvement of these poor people, and must endeavour to turn the advantage to the best account we are able while the opportunity is

afforded us. You have our prayers that you may be enabled to walk wisely toward those on whom, under God, you are, in your present situation, dependent; and patiently, faithfully, and fruitfully, serve God in your vocation.

3. In stating your expenses for the year 1828, in your Letter of Jany the 27th, amounting to £193.5. you have not said whether this be Sterling or Currency: we cannot therefore come to any decision on the question. Have the kindness to explain this when you next write. In the mean time you must draw upon us for your necessary expenses, which we rely on you to conduct as economically as practicable.

4. We are glad to observe that you have been so diligently prosecuting your studies. May the knowledge which you acquire be consecrated to the service of God, and may you increasingly experience the grace and comfort of his Spirit in your own soul.

5. By this Ship the "Lucretia" Capt. Willis we forward our publications to the present date which will inform you of the circumstances and proceedings of the Society.

I remain,
Dear Sir
Very truly Yours
D. Coates

PS Let the Returns for the present year be carefully made up to the 31st of Decr and forwarded by the first opportunity afterwards. We particularly request that the particulars required in the Returns, Nos 4 & 12. and the General Returns A & B. so far as they apply to your circumstances, may be exactly and accurately given.
D.C.

Mr Chas. Carter, Aug 21/29

Mr Charles Carter

Church Missionary House,
London, Aug. 21/29

My Dear Sir

1. We are sorry to observe that our last Letter to you is dated so far back as Jan. 17/29. Since that date we have received yours of Jan. 3/29.

2. The Bill for £25, for your Salary to Midsummer last, has been duly honoured. You will in future receive your Salary of the Rev. C. Strong, and we will pay the amount to his father here.

3. We are glad to receive so favourable an account of your labours in the Schools. Still prosecute them with faith, prayer and diligence, and may the blessing of the Lord increasingly rest upon them!

4. Let the Returns for the present year be carefully made up to the 31st of Dec. and forwarded by the first opportunity afterwards. We particularly request that the particulars required in the Returns, Nos 16 & 17 and the General Returns A & B, so far as they apply to your circumstances, may be exactly and accurately given.

I remain
Dear Sir,
Truly Yours,
D. Coates

J.E.R.

154 Augt 21/29. Rev. Leonard Strong

Rev Leonard Strong.

Church Missionary House
London, August 21st 1829.

My Dear Sir

1. Since my Letter to you of May 22/28 we have received yours of Augt 4/28, May 27/29, and the Report of the St Mary's Association.

2. Accept our thanks for the kind interest which you take in our affairs; not more for that influence which has led to the formation of the St Mary's Association, than for your kind superintendence and counsel with regard to Messrs Armstrong and Carter.

3. We are aware of the difficulty of Mr Armstrong's situation at Alliance. As, however, Mr Gurney only acts for a Mortgagee he has no control over the Property in giving religious instruction to the Slaves, and therefore it is out of ~~the~~ his power to remove these difficulties. He is quite willing to do what he can; but that is limited to the extent to which he may obtain, by influence, the concurrence of other parties.

4. When you say that Mr Armstrong's necessary expenses will not be less than £800 pr Annum, you do not explain whether you mean Sterling or currency. The Committee are most desirous that he should have what is necessary, while they are solicitous that it should not exceed that limit.

5. I rejoice to say that the New Zealand Mission is still going on in a way to afford us much comfort and satisfaction; tho' our friends there encounter many dif-

frailties, privations and discouragements. The two Williams's especially are most valuable and exemplary Missionaries.

6. We have been much interested by the formation of your little Association—the proceeds of which £50 Sterling have safely reached us, and for which we request you will convey our acknowledgements to the contributors.

7. It will be entirely satisfactory to us that you should pay Mr C. Carter his Salary, and that your Father should draw on us to the amount. We are much pleased with your report of his proceedings.

8. By this Ship the "Lucretia" Capt. Willis we forward our Publications to the present date which will inform you of the proceedings of the Society.

9. We shall be glad to hear of your future Station and proceedings, and pray that the Lord may in all things direct your course and bless your labours!

10. Mr Bickersteth and Mr Woodroffe are at present out of Town or they would I am sure cordially unite with me in kind regards to yourself and Mrs S.

I remain

My Dear Sir

Very truly Yours

D. Coates

136. Oct 19/29. Mr. Wm Davis

Mr. William Davis.

Church Missionary House
London, October 19th 1829.

My dear Sir,

1. Since my Letter of July the 16th, yours of August the 29th with the Account Current for Midsummer Quarter 1829, has come to hand.

2. You will have the kindness still to suspend the sale of the Dwelling House and School House, till you receive further directions from the Committee. Such of the other Articles mentioned by you as can be used in the School, or for the purposes of education, had better be placed in the School-house and remain there till the Building is disposed of. Such of the Books as bear the Society's Stamp - C.M.S. - may be returned to this Country, whenever an economical opportunity of doing so is presented. Any other Articles you had better sell, when you have opportunity.

3. By this Ship the "Ambant," Capt. Pearson, we forward a Case of Books and Slates from the Ladies Society, and in the Letter-bag a Copy of our 29th Report for yourself. The Invoice and Bill of Lading are enclosed.

I remain
My Dear Sir
Very truly Yours
D. Coates
Sec. Clerk

Mr William Stearn

Church Missionary House,
Oct. 20/29

My Dear Sir

1. I enclose a Copy of the Instructions of the Committee to Mr Joshua Woods which were read to you in the Committee this morning, ~~and which~~ you will consider as addressed to yourself, so far as they may be applicable to your own circumstances and situation in Jamaica.

2. The Salary assigned to you, is £105 sterling per annum. In case you are placed on the property of J. B. Wildman, Esqre, or any other Proprietor who may be disposed to act on the same principle as Mr W. in providing for the religious instruction of their Slaves, you will receive £52.10.0 Sterling per annum from the Society, the other moiety being derived from the Proprietor of the Estate.

3. On your arrival at Kingston you will deliver the enclosed Letter to William Taylor, Esqre Secretary of the Auxiliary Committee. You have already been apprised that should there be no vacancy on either of Mr Wildman's properties, you will consider yourself as at the disposal of the Auxiliary Committee with reference to your Station; and it is the desire of the Committee that you should follow their directions in all your future proceedings. The Salary you are to receive from the Society, will be paid by them, and you will apply to them for such Counsel and assistance as you may stand in need of from time to time in the prosecution of your labours.

4. It is the wish of the Committee that you should keep a Journal of your proceedings. That of your Voyage you will forward to us by the first opportunity after your arrival in Jamaica. Subsequently to your arrival you will transmit your Journal Quarterly. You will have the kindness to transmit your Journals and other communications through the Secretary of the Auxiliary Committee. The Committee wish you to write to them frequently, and unreservedly to communicate to them your views and feelings, regarding your labours and prospects.

Finally we pray that the presence of the Lord may go with you and that his blessing may abundantly rest on your future labours!

I remain
Dear Sir,
Truly yours,
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

William Taylor Esq.

Church Missionary House
London, October 20th 1849.

My dear Sir,

1. I last wrote to you on the 5th of August: and have since received your letter of the 8th of that month.

2. The Resolutions of the Committee of May 8/49, transmitted to the Rev John Shindly, July 16/49, will have informed you that the Committee were not prepared to recommend Mr Browning to the Bishop of Ja-

maica as a Candidate for Holy Orders. That the Auxiliary Committee would probably think a sufficient direction with reference to Mr Manning's application to them on that subject referred to in your letter of Aug 15. That they may be under no doubt, however, as to the views of the Committee on this point, I enclose a copy of a Resolution adopted by them on the 29th ult. grounded on your letter above mentioned and on one which we received from Mr Manning on the same subject dated July the 30th.

3. This will be delivered to you on [illegible] by Mr William Stearn and Mrs Stearn; whose arrival my last Letter will have prepared you to expect. We trust that you will find him an efficient Catechist, and that both he and his wife are prepared to labour zealously in promoting the education and religious instruction of the Negroes.

4. Should Mr Collins or Mr Manning have been removed from his Station, it is the wish of the Committee, as intimated in my last Letter, that Mr Stearn should be appointed to succeed him. If there be no Vacancy at either of those Stations Mr Stearn has been directed to hold himself at the disposal of the Auxiliary Committee, as to the scene of his labours. The Committee only add that as they have reason to hope that both Mr & Mrs Stearn will be found really valuable Teachers the Auxiliary Committee will have the kindness to fix their Stations accordingly.

5. The Salary to be assigned to Mr Stearn is £100. Sterling pr Annum, as in the case of the other Catechists. In case Mr S. is placed on the property of any Planter, on the same terms as those arranged with Sir G. H. Rose and J. B. Wildman Esqr

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a moiety only of the Salary is to be borne by the Society. Mr L. has been informed that he is to receive his Salary from the Auxiliary Committee, agreeably to the decision of the Committee in their Resolution of May 21/39 - No 4.

6. Mr L. has also been apprised that he is to prosecute his labours under the direction of the Auxiliary Committee, and that his communications to us are to be made thro' them. It is their wish that the same course should be pursued by every other person connected with the Mission.

7. The Committee feel some difficulty in meeting the requisition of the Bishop of Jamaica, relative to the Title which his Lordship has signified his intention to require of Candidates for Holy Orders connected with the Society. A Resolution on the subject is enclosed. The Committee are of opinion that £100 Sterling pr Annum is more than is requisite to cover the necessary expenses of a Missionary of the Society in Jamaica. It does not appear to them for instance that Mr Wood's necessary expenses would be materially, if at all, increased by his being admitted to Holy Orders, as his general course of duty would remain much the same as before; and it is only for the necessary expenses of a Missionary that the Committee in any case provide. They hesitate moreover to give an indefinite pledge to provide for the maintenance of Individuals admitted to Holy Orders at their instance. The Society holds itself engaged to its Missionaries no longer than they conduct themselves conformably to the obligations which the very assumption of the Missionary character imposes upon them. They therefore cannot pledge themselves to the Bishop beyond this point. No such pledge

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is required by the Bishop of London on the admission of Society's Candidates to Holy Orders, nor has any such been demanded by the Bishop of Calcutta with reference to those ordained by his Lordship in India. The Committee therefore trust that on consideration the Bishop of Jamaica will acquiesce in the same course of procedure with reference to the Society's Candidates within his Diocese. A Letter has been addressed to his Lordship on this subject by Mr Bickersteth, which we enclose for your perusal, and which we request you will afterwards seal and forward to him.

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8. By the ship the "Lady [illegible]" Capt [illegible], we forward our Publications to the present date. The Invoice and Bill of Lading are enclosed.

I remain,
My Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours
D. Coates
Sec. [illegible]

Church Missionary House London
Oct 21/39

My Lord,

I write to your Lordship on the subject of the ordination of Mr Joshua Wood.

Our Missionaries have been ordained in this country on a simple application to the Bishop of London stating that the Candidate for Holy Orders was to be employed under the Society & furnish

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his Lordship with the usual Testimonials.

Our Missionaries also in India have been ordained on a similar application to the Bishop of Calcutta.

Should therefore Mr Joshua Wood approve himself to your Lordship in other respects as a suitable Candidate for Holy Orders, we trust that your Lordship may not feel it necessary to require a farther Title, than has been required for our Missionaries in other places. We shall never present to your Lordship one in whom we have not full confidence that he is cordially attached to the Established Church & will faithfully & wisely labour as a Minister in its sanctuary.

The Rev Mr Stainsby is fully acquainted with the sentiments of the Society on the subject. I have the honour to to be My Lord, Your Lordships faithful Servt

E Bickersteth

Mr Wm Manning Oct: 2/29

not been that zeal & devotedness to the

to give full satisfaction to our friends.

But the Bishop's requisitions also are such as we could not comply with as a Committee & such as have never been called for either by the Bishops of London or Ch

I have written to his Lordship on this subject respecting

Wood.

You seem to forget that if you are to serve the Ch which you mention you will be unable adequately to your time & strength to the Society. All our experience that the Ministry among Europeans is quite incompatible with the due discharge of labours among the natives.

We have thus candidly stated our views; you must you must commend yourself & your labours to the aff of our friends in Jamaica, from whom an application for your ordination must come to us.

But in the mean time you have a most important scene of duty; fulfil it faithfully & diligently in the of Christ. Here is your & our sufficiency - we are the workmanship of God, created in Christ Jesus unto good Our happiness & usefulness are not the fruit of a particular but the service of Christ in our present stations.

May he ever be with you & bless you.

Ever affectionately

164. Nov. 21/29 – William Taylor Esq

William Taylor Esq

Church Missionary House
November 21st 1829

Dear Sir,

1. We wrote to you on the 20th ult. by Mr William Shaw, a duplicate of which Letter is enclosed. Since that date we have received no communication from Jamaica, except one from Mr Wood of September the 5th.

2. Considerable difficulty has been found in obtaining the requisite Testimonials for Mr Wood for two years terminating Decr 1828. They have however at length been procured, and are now enclosed. I fear they will not reach you in time for the Bishop's Christmas Ordination, even should his Lordship be disposed to receive Mr Wood as a Candidate on the terms of the Committee's Resolution of Oct. 20/29: but the transmission of the Testimonials will show Mr W. that the Committee are desirous to facilitate his object as much as they can. Should the Bishop decline to admit Mr Wood to Holy Orders in the same manner as the Society's Candidates are admitted by the Bishop of London and the Bishop of Calcutta the Committee would, we apprehend, not be indisposed to Mr W's returning to this Country for Ordination, with the sanction of the Auxiliary Committee, at the time when he could most conveniently be spared from his Station; but we will refer to the Committee on the subject and write to you again respecting it.

I remain
Dear Sir
Very truly Yours
D. Coates,
Sec. C.M.S.

Mr Wm Dawes. Dec 17/29 | 105

Mr W. Dawes, Antigua.

Church Missionary House,
London, December 17. 1829.

Dear Sir -

1. We last wrote to you on the 19th of October, since which date we have received no communication from you.

2. Since I last addressed you, we have had further communication with the Committee of the Ladies Society relative to the Society's Premises at Bridge Town. The result has been, an arrangement with the Ladies Committee, by the terms of which we retain the ownership of the property and let it to the Ladies Committee at the rent of £.20 sterling per annum, the Ladies Committee undertaking to keep & leave the Buildings in complete repair, and to relinquish the possession of them at any time on six months' notice.

3. Mr Thwaites will, we believe, be engaged as a Schoolmaster by the Committee of the Ladies Society.

4. The affairs of the Society in Antigua being thus brought to point you will have the kindness immediately to close and transmit to us your final Account with the Society, drawing upon us for the exact sum which may be requisite to balance it.

5. The stipend allowed you by the Society may be drawn for Quarterly or half-yearly, as you may find most convenient.

6. You may transfer the Dwelling House & School at Bridge Town to the Representatives of the Ladies Society whenever you shall receive application to do so from any Individual officially connected with that Institution.

I remain,
Faithfully Yours,
D. Coates
Secretary

Wh. Jan. 30/30 – Wm. Taylor Esq.

William Taylor, Esq. Secretary of the Jamaica Auxiliary

Church Missionary House,
London, January 30. 1830.

Dear Sir-

1. Our last Letter to you was under date of Nov. 24/29; since which period no communication from the Auxiliary Committee has reached us, but we have received Mr. Manning's Letter of Nov. 7/29.

2. Agreeably to the intimation contained in my last Letter we have referred to the Committee, relative to Mr. Wood's Ordination, who thereupon adopted the Resolution, of which a copy is given below. From this you will see that the Committee are fully prepared to redeem the pledge they gave to Mr. Wood before he left this country in case the Bishop of Jamaica's refusal to ordain him should proceed from any other cause than Mr. W's own misconduct. They expect however that in the event of Mr. Wood's return to this country for ordination, he will remain at his Station till the Auxiliary Committee shall be enabled properly to provide for it. We have no doubt Mr. Wood will acquiesce in the reasonableness of this condition, as there is no wish on the part of the Committee to delay his return a single moment beyond what is requisite to provide a suitable Successor.

3. By this Ship, the "Beaufort": Capt. Sainthill, we forward our Publications to the present date, which we request you will forward at your earliest convenience to the parties to whom they are addressed.

4. Mr. Manning's Letter abovementioned is an exculpatory one, in reply to the Rev. E. Bickersteth's Letter to him of Oct. 21/29. The Committee will of course take no further steps in the matter till we receive the reply of the Auxiliary Committee to my Letter of the 20th of the same month.

I remain, dear Sir,
truly Yours,

D. Coates

Secretary C.M.S.

R. Quarrel, Esq. Sec. to Jamaica Auxiliary C.M.S.

Church Missionary House;
London, May 20. 1830.

Dear Sir:-

1. Our last Letter to the Committee of the Jamaica Auxiliary Church Missionary Society was addressed to Wm. Taylor, Esq. under date of the 30th of January. We have since received from the Island the following Communications:-

The Bishop of Jamaica's Letter of Decr. 15/29.
Wm. Whitehorne, Esq. Letter of Decr. 21/29.
Wm. Taylor, Esq. - Letter of Feb. 16/30
Your Letter of Feb. 22/30
Account Current of the Auxiliary Society from March 3/28
to December 31/29.
Rev. J. Stainsby's Letter, March 6/29.
James Whitehorne Esq. Letter, March 15/29.
Mr. Wm. Stearn's Letters of Dec. 19/29 & Feb. 20/30.
Mr. Wm. Stearn's Journal, from Oct. 22/29 to Dec. 1/29.
Mr. J. Wood's Letters of Dec. 15/29 & Feb. 13/30.
Mr. Wm. Manning's Letter of March 15/30.
Papine Returns for the Year ending Dec. 31/29.

2. The long interval which has elapsed since we last wrote has been principally occasioned by our having been in constant expectation of ~~our~~ receiving replies to our Letters to the Auxiliary Committee, viz.;- one to the Rev. John Stainsby, July 16/29, covering important Resolutions relative to Messrs. Collins & Manning, and our Letters to William Taylor, Esq. of Aug. 5th, Oct. 20th, & Nov. 21st 1829. The absence of replies to these communications has left us in considerable perplexity with

regard to the state of the Mission. We request you will have the kindness to notice the principal points contained in the above Letters, should it not have been done previously to your receiving this.

3. We enclose a Copy of the Bishop of Jamaica's Letter of Decr. the 15th, above referred to. You will observe that in this Letter the Bishop stipulates as conditions of receiving Mr. Ward as a Candi for Holy Orders, not only that the Society should engage to allow him £200 sterling per annum till otherwise provided for; but that he should be nominated to the Chapel on the Coley Estate. We have not yet been able to obtain the decision of the Committee on this subject; but we apprehend that they will not be induced to go beyond what was proposed in their Resolution of Oct. 20/29, Par. 7 of our Letter to William Taylor, Esq. of the same date, and the Rev. E. Bickersteth's Letter to the Bishop of Jamaica of Oct. 20/29, of which a copy was forwarded to Mr. Taylor with the Letter of Oct. 20th.

4. The following Bills on account of the Jamaica Mission have arrived and been duly honoured since the despatch of our Letter of Jan. 30th.

Dec. 19/29.	W. Whitehorne, Esq.	in favor W. Taylor Esq.	£200
Dec. 16/29.	Do	Do	£100
Feb 16/30.	L. Whitehorne, Esq.	R. Quarrell, Esq.	£100
Mar. 13/30.	L. Whitehorne, Esq.	L.B. Seeley & Son	£50
	Do	L. McBayne, Esq.	£200

5. We feel much indebted to the Auxiliary Committee for the Account Current of the Auxiliary Society acknowledged above. In some few instances we observe that the object for which the payment is made is not specifically stated, and in some that the rate per annum at which an Individual is paid is not expressed. We shall

feel obliged by the Treasurer's stating these in future Accounts, in order fully to elucidate the expenditure of the Mission.

6. The Committee request that you will convey to the Members of the Auxiliary their cordial acknowledgements for the contributions which they have made to the objects of the Society.

7. The documents referred to in Mr. Stainsby's Letter of the 6th of March not having reached us, we are unable to reply to its contents. The tenor of Mr. St.'s Letter occasions us some anxiety, and we are looking with earnestness for the arrival of the Documents referred to.

8. By Mr. Stearn's Letter of Feb. 20th we perceive that he is stationed at Paradise, St. George's. We should have been glad to know the considerations which induced the Auxiliary Committee to adopt this arrangement. In par. 3 of our Letter to Mr. Taylor of Aug. 5/29, & par. 6 of that to him of Oct. 20/29, we intimated that, in case of a vacancy at Papine or Salt Savannah, it would be adviseable that Mr. Stearn should fill it. This suggestion was made under the sense that Mr. Wildman had strong claims upon the Society for an efficient Teacher, which we believe Mr. Stearn is likely to be, in consequence of the disappointments which he had experienced in some of those previously recommended to him by the Committee.

9. We are glad, however, that Mr. Stearn was placed at Paradise rather than at Kingston. We earnestly request the Auxy. Comee. ever to bear in mind that the Slave Population & especially the Field Slaves are the main objects of the Committee's labours. On this subject we beg to refer to par. 5 of our Letter to J. B. Wildman, Esq. of Feb. 21. 1828, & par. 7 of that to him of Oct. 31/28. The Committee are most solicitous that the Auxiliary Comee. should keep this principle in view in the whole

of their operations. The Committee would have conceived that Mr. Stearn was diverted from the objects of the Society had he been placed at Kingston in the manner which appears at one time to have been contemplated.

10. It appears from Mr. Wood's Letter of Feb. 13th that the Bishop felt diſsatisfied with the state of the School on the Coley Estate when he visited it at Christmas last. We presume that the Minutes of the Special Meeting on the 3d. of March will contain some reference to this subject. The absence of information from the Auxy. Comee. precludes us from forming a judgment, at present, on the merits of the question.

I remain, dear Sir,

Yours truly,

D. Coates

Sec. C.M.S.

Rev. Leonard Strong

Church Miſsionary House;
London, May 22. 1830.

My dear Sir—

1. We regret to observe that our last Letter to you appears to be dated so far back as the 21st of August last. I have now the pleasure to acknowledge your Letters of November the 9th and Decr. 10/29, and Jan. 8th & March 10/30.

2. We rejoice to hear of your having been instituted to the Living of St. Matthews, and that the bleſsing of God continues to rest on your labours. The countenance given by the Planters and Managers to the attendance of the Negroes on the Sunday School is also very encouraging.

3. We regret that through inadvertency that paſsage in Mr. Armstrong's Letter to which you refer was admitted into our Report. In the multiplicity of matters that are to be treated of, it is not easy to keep the attention constantly alive to the bearing which a paſsage may have under all the aspects in which it may be viewed.

4. We have received the Sum of £70 sterling on account of the Demerara Church Missionary Association, as advised in your Letter of March 10th. Please to convey to our friends our cordial acknowledgements for this liberal and very acceptable contribution to the Society's funds.

5. The steady and consistent course of Mr. Carter is highly satisfactory to the Committee. The arrangement by which he is placed on Leguan Island is also fully approved by the Committee. May the blessing of God still continue to rest on him and his labours!

It will be advisable that a distinct understanding should be come to with Mr. Jones as to the terms on which Mr. Carter should be placed on his property. These should, we think, be the same as those which the Committee have made with other West India Proprietors under similar circumstances, viz. that half the expense should be borne by the Proprietor and half by the Society.

6. The Committee feel the strongest disposition to give you all the assistance in their power in improving the opportunities for usefulness which are presented to you. We are, however, opposed by two serious obstacles – the want of suitable agents and of adequate funds. We are not without hope however that we may be able in October to send out an individual competent to act as Catechist & Schoolmaster in such Station as you may think it most advisable to assign him.

7. You allude to a Native Young Man who is desirous to be employed as Catechist or Schoolmaster. Allow us to suggest your employing him as the Master of what you call "our own Sunday School." You would thus have an opportunity of ascertaining his character and qualifications. If he were found suitable for the situation he might be permanently engaged, and the Student alluded to in Par 6 might be employed in some other quar-

ter. We shall be glad of your reply on this point as early as practicable

8. By this Ship "The Adams," Capt. Franklin, we forward our Publications to the present date, some Infant School Apparatus for Mr. Carter, & Wearing Apparel &c. for Mr. Armstrong. The Publications will fully inform you of the situation and proceedings of the Society. We trust that the blessing of God rests upon it, though it encounters many difficulties and trials.

9. I find it impracticable to do more at present than add our kind regards to yourself and Mrs. Strong, Mr. Armstrong & Mr. Carter.

I remain My dear Sir,
Yours truly,
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Wm. Taylor, Esq. Sec. to Auxy. Comee. Church Missionary House
August 5th 1830.

Dear Sir,

1. We wrote to Mr. Quarrell on the 20th of May, and have since received from Jamaica the following Communications:—

Mr. Quarrell's Letters of Apr. 19th May 10th & June 30th.
The Minutes of the Auxily. Comee. of Mar 3/30.
Regulations for the Proceedings of the Auxy. Comee.
Auxiliary Committee's Report,
Report of the Sub Comee. on Coley
Rev. J. Stainsby's Letter of June 10/30
Mr. J. Wood's Letter of June 17/30, with Remarks on the Sub Comees. Report, and Copy of Rector's Report to the Bishop of Coley School, June 1/30, and Copy of the Rector's Letter to the Bishop on transmitting the said Report. June 10/30.
Copy of Mrs. Collins's Letter to Mr. Quarrell Apr. 17/30

2. The Sub Committees Report on Colby gave us much pain. The decision of the Committee in reference to it is comprised in the Resolutions which are enclosed. The engagement of the Committee to present Mr. Wood to the Bishop as a Candidate for Holy Orders was suspended on the condition that his previous conduct was such as to afford them satisfaction. This condition it is evident from the Report of the Sub Comee. has not been complied with; therefore the Parent Comee. cannot think of promoting Mr. Wood's introduction to Holy Orders at present. They have not thought it necessary however to discontinue his services as Catechist. We trust that the enclosed admonition which has been addressed to Mr. W. by the Rev. T. Woodroffe agreeably to the directions of the Committee will, through the Blessing of God, shew him, that it is by a diligent & assiduous discharge of the duties of his present situation that he must commend himself both to the Auxiliary & the Parent Committees, previously to their sanctioning his being proposed to the Bishop as a Candidate for Ordination

3. You will observe by the second of the Resolutions of that those parts of the Sub Committee's Report which relate to Mr. Wood's present Residence and the securing to the Slaves of Sunday time for the purposes of Religious Instruction have likewise been considered by the Committee. Sir G. H. Rose attended the Meeting of the Committee at which this Resolution was adopted and concurred in it. It has likewise been communicated to Mr. Davidson through Sir G. H. Rose, and has, we believe, obtained his concurrence also. We trust that eventually the religious instruction of the Slaves on the Colby Property will be placed on a footing to realize the wishes both of the Proprietor & the Society. We are aware however, that many difficulties lie in

the way of the complete attainment of this object, in any Estate in the West Indies. Something considerable, however, has already been gained, and steady perseverance, and faith, and prayer will, doubtless, through the grace & blessing of God, bring us nearer & nearer to the great object at which we aim - the due religious instruction & improvement of the Slave population of the West Indies.

4. The Bill for £150, under date of June 25/30 advised in Mr. Quarrell's Letter of the 30th of that month, was presented this morning and duly honoured. The other for £100 has not made its appearance.

5. We were glad to find from Mr. Collins Letter to Mr. Quarrell, acknowledged above, that he had happily been brought to a state of mind to admit of his being retained in connexion with the Society. The separation from us of any one situated as Mr. Collins was is always an extremely painful measure and never to be resorted to but from necessity. We earnestly pray that his future course may be such as to give satisfaction to the Comee. and yield comfort to his own mind.

6. We are still without the Documents relative to Mr. Sharp

7. We address this to you in consequence of being advised by Mr. Quarrell in his last Letter that he was about to come to England

I remain, My dear Sir

Very truly Yours

D. Coates

Sec. C. M. S.

Mr Joshua Wood, Augt 5/30. 175

Church Missionary House
London August 5. 1830.

My dear Brother,

The office of transmitting to you
a Resolution of our Committee, in reference to
the subject brought before them by yourself &
the Jamaica Committee, has devolved on me;
&, though I would gladly be excused the painful
task of conveying any thing like reproof to
a Christian Brother, yet I must not shrink from
it when it is my duty, humbly looking to our
common Saviour for grace to address you in
the meekness of wisdom.

You will see by the accompanying
Resolution that the Committee have thought it right
to pause before they recommend you, according
to their stipulations, for Orders to the Bishop
of Jamaica. The state of the Schools under your
care, as alleged by the Jamaica Sub-Committee
& admitted by yourself, has led them to this
course of action; & we trust, that, on a calm
review of the matter in the presence of your God,
you will be led to see that they have acted
as a sense of duty & a conviction of the solemn
trust reposed in them required them to act.
You will observe, however, that the Committee have

not relinquished the idea of recommending you for Ordination at a future period, should they feel themselves justified in taking that course, & that the fulfilment of the obligation which they had contracted, but from which subsequent occurrences have released them, is not given up, but merely delayed.)

It is possible, dear Brother, that in looking forward to the honourable & blessed work of the ministry, you may unconsciously have employed a larger portion of your time in preparing for the Bishop's examination than the immediate duties of your station allowed. I do not say that this has been the case; but would merely suggest it as a subject of self-examination & as a question which possibly you may put to your own conscience with some benefit. The plain rule of life under all circumstances is "do the duty of each day in the day"! Forgive me, if I should appear thus to insinuate that which is unfounded, & attribute it to my earnest desire in your behalf that you may, whether as a Layman or a Minister, be made the instrument of abundant blessing to the people among whom you are labouring. May our gracious Saviour & Friend keep you in close union & communion with Himself & fill you with His Spirit for every work to which He calls you!

Yrs affly

T. Woodroffe

Committee: July 6. 1830

Resolved, That the Committee have heard with much pain the Report of the Sub-Committee on the State of the Schools at Coley; that Mr Wood be admonished to use greater diligence and activity in the discharge of his duties as Catechist & Schoolmaster, and that under the circumstances thus brought to their notice the Committee do not feel themselves at liberty, at present, to propose Mr W. to the Bishop of Jamaica as a Candidate for Holy Orders, though they are willing to retain Mr Wood in his present situation, in the hope that his future conduct may be more conformable to their views of his obligations.

Ex. (J.A.S.)

W. Taylor Esq. Augt. 19/30

William Taylor Esq.

Church Missionary House
August 19th. 1830

Dear Sir,

I wrote to you by Packet on the 5th. ulto.; since which date no communication from the Jamaica Auxiliary has reached us.

2. The Bill £100, advised by Mr. Quarrell in his Letter June 30/30, has now been presented and duly honored.

3. Mr. Joshua Wood's Letter of June 12/30 and his remarks on the Report of the Sub. Commee. for Coley have been brought under the consideration of the Committee, in reference to which they adopted the following Resolution: —

"That the Committee see no reason from any thing contained in Mr. Wood's communication to alter the Resolution already adopted in reference to him in consequence of the Sub-Committee's Report.—"

4. The difficulty experienced by the Society in giving religious instruction to the Slaves in the West Indies in consequence of the extent to which under the present system they are under the necessity of employing the Lord's Day in their

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own secular affairs, had engaged the serious attention of the Committee, and they adopted the following Resolution in reference to it:—

"That it appearing to be impracticable to give adequate religious instruction to the Slaves on Properties where sufficient week-day time is not allowed them by the Proprietors for their own necessary secular concerns, so that the Lord's Day may be duly devoted to their education and religious instruction, the Committee deem it indispensable that an arrangement for leaving the Lord's Day free for those objects should be made by those Proprietors who receive Teachers from the Society, it being understood that in general one day in each week is requisite to enable the Slaves properly to attend to their own secular concerns, and to leave the Lord's Day applicable to the object of its institution."

This decision of our Committee is one of the utmost importance in reference to the melioration of the condition of the Slave population of the British Colonies. We earnestly commend this subject to the consideration of the Auxiliary Committee.

I remain, My Dear Sir
Very Truly Yours
J. Coates
Sec. Assd.

Mr. W. Dawes, Augt 19/30. 179

Mr William Dawes.

Church Miſsionary House
August 19th 1830.

Dear Sir/

1. My last letter to you was under date of Dec. 17/29. We have since received your letters of Jany 6th, Feb. 5th April 10th and July 8/30, your Currency Account Current from April to November 1829; Correſpondence between yourself, Miſs Lyde, and Mr. Thwaites; the Week Register March 30/30 and your Currency Account Current from Jany 1st to July 2/30.

2. We have been surprised at the sums expended for the repair of the Society's Premises in Bridge Town in your Account of Jany to July in the present year, as you state in your letter of April 10/30 "I have sent to Mr. Thwaites £9 which probably will be more than sufficient to repair the Buildings in Bridge Town." It is very unsatisfactory to the Committee to find the Society debited in your last Account to such an Amount in addition after the preceding Statement.

3. We find also in your last Account an Item of £ 38: 18: 8 3/4 — "paid C. Thwaites the balance of his Account" — without any explanation. As

Mr Thwaites's connexion with the Society was dissolved long since we are quite at a loss to understand on what account this payment has been made to him. You will have the kindness to explain the circumstance when you next write. I must also beg your attention to par. 6 of my letter of Dec. 17/29, and request that no expense whatever may be incurred on account of the Society unless it shall previously have received the sanction of the Committee.

I remain,
Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Mr. Charles Carter.

Church Missionary House,
London, Aug. 20. 1830.

Dear Sir,

1 Since my last Letter to you, which was under date of Aug. 21/29, we have received yours of July 15th & Oct. 27th/29, & Jan. 14/30, & your Journal from April to July 1829.

2. It has afforded the Committee much satisfaction to hear from time to time of your diligence & assiduity in your labours. We trust that the situation in which you are now

placed will open to you a sphere of more extended usefulness. Walk closely with God, seeking all your supplies out of the fulness that is in Christ; so shall your own soul prosper & be in health, & His blessing will doubtless rest on your labours.

3. Some Infant School Apparatus were sent out for you in the spring by the "Adams," Capt. Franklin, agreeably to your request. The Infant School System is found well adapted to the circumstances of the Slave Children. We trust you will witness the beneficial effects of its application to the Children on Mr. Jones's Property.

4. I am afraid the request for a Greek Grammar and Lexicon, contained in your Letter of Nov. 27/29, was overlooked when our last Shipment was made, and they are therefore now enclosed.

5. You will learn from the Publications now sent the proceedings of our own & of other Religious Societies. In the midst of the downfall of Thrones & Empires the Lord is evidently advancing His Cause in the world. May His kingdom come in all its wide extent and in all its plenitude of blessings to a perishing world!

I remain,

My dear Sir,

Very truly yours,

D. Coates

Sec. C.M.S.

Augt. 20/30 Rev. L. Strong

Rev. Leonard Strong,

Church Missionary House
London Aug. 20. 1830.

Dear Sir,

1. We wrote to you May 23/30, since which period no Communication from you has reached us.

2. The contracted sphere of operation in which Mr. Armstrong finds himself placed on the Alliance & Union Plantation has engaged the attention of the Committee. We have communicated on the subject with John Gurney Esqr. who acts on the part of the Mortgagee who bear a part of Mr. A's expenses, with a view to ascertain whether it might not be practicable to obtain for Mr. A. a greater latitude of exertion. We find however, what we had fully anticipated, that with every disposition on the part of Mr. Gurney & the Mortgagee to give the fullest effect to the views & wishes of the Committee they have not the power to do so. Under these circumstances the Comee. have determined to withdraw Mr. Armstrong from Essequibo at the close of the present year; as in the paucity of labourers they did not feel themselves justified in allowing Mr. Armstrong to continue in a situation with so few opportunities of usefulness, while others of a more eligible description were open to him. 3. The Comee. had thought of transferring Mr. A's services to Mr. Henry Porter's Property, East Coast, Demerara, who had applied to us for a religious Teacher; but on farther communication with Mr. P. we find that his

object is to obtain the agency of a person in Holy Orders. Under these circumstances it has occurred to us that Mr. A. might prove a suitable agent to replace Mr. Carter in your Parish, instead of sending out an individual from this Country as the Comtee. had purposed to do. On this point however we have not had an opportunity of taking the judgment of the Committee, but shall probably be able to communicate it to you by the next Packet. In the meantime Mr. A. may be considered as disposable on the 1st of January next, & trust that he will be found by his zeal, diligence & experience competent to fill the situation of considerable usefulness.

3. The attention of our Committee has been strongly drawn to the serious difficulty which is found in giving Religious Instruction to the Slaves in our Colonies in consequence of the extent to which under the present system they are compelled to employ the Lords Day in their own secular concerns. The result of their deliberation was the adoption of a very important Resolution on the subject, a copy of which is enclosed. The Resolution itself is so full that it is unnecessary for me to do more than solicit your kind cooperation in giving it effect in that part of the West Indies where you are situated.

4. By this Ship the "Margaret Hall", Captain Davison, we forward our Publications to the present date, from which you will learn our situation & prospects. The blessing of God is, we trust, resting on the work confided to us, though we

encounter many trials and difficulties. The income of the Society occasions considerable anxiety, as it is not equal to our expenditure, while all our Missions are calling upon us for liberty to enlarge their operations. The work however is the Lord's and if it shall please Him still to carry it on by our instrumentality He will doubtless provide the means of doing so.

With kind regards to Mrs. Strong & our prayers that the blessing of God may continue to rest on you and your labours

I remain
My dear Sir
Very truly Yours
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Mr. John Armstrong

Church Missionary House
August 19th 1830.

Dear Sir

1. I am sorry to observe that my last letter to you is dated so long back as the 21st of Augt. in last year. We have since received your letters of Oct. 15th and 31st Dec. 21st 1829, and Feb. 16th and June 29/30.

2. The disadvantages under which you lie on the Union and Alliance Plantations for giving reli-

gious instruction to the Slaves on that Property has been taken into consideration by the Committee. They are of opinion that the circumstances under which that Property is placed leave the Committee without any hope of being able to make such an arrangement as to place you in a situation effectively to discharge the duties of a Catechist upon it. They have therefore come to the determination of withdrawing you from Essequibo at the end of the present year. How your future services can be rendered most subservient to the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom among the Slave population of the West Indies the Committee have not yet decided. The Rev. L. Strong is, we find in want of a Schoolmaster & Catechist in his Parish in place of Mr. Carter, who has been removed, as you are doubtless aware to Mr. Jones' Property on the Island of Leguan. On this point, however, I cannot speak positively at present; but hope to do so by the next Packet. You will in the meantime prepare for your removal from Essequibo at the end of the year.

3. The Committee have advanced to your Father on your account £6 per annum, agreeably to your request. I regret that through inadvertency the payment had not been regularly made. We have also advanced to your Father £30 for the purchase of Clothes; as you requested in your Letter of October 31/29.

4. We regret that through inadvertency a portion of one of your Letters was inserted in our 29th Report which occasioned inconvenience to you. In dealing with such a mass of material

as are collected from our different Missions it is a matter of difficulty to keep the attention sufficiently alive to the local bearing of particular passages.

5. By this Ship the "Margaret Hall," Capt. Davidson, we forward our Publications to the present date, which will inform you generally of the Society's proceedings.

I remain,

dear Sir,

truly yours

D. Coates

Sec. C.M.S.

Wm. Taylor Esqr.
Jamaica

Church Missionary House
August 27th 1830

Dear Sir,

1. No communication from you has reached us since our Letter of the 19th Inst. by Packet was despatched.

2. By this Ship the "Phœnix" Capt. Sergeant we forward our Publications to the present date. The Invoice and Bill of Lading are enclosed.

I remain

Dear Sir

Very truly Yours

D. Coates

Rev. John Stainsby

Church Missionary House,
Nov. 5/30

Dear Sir

1. We addressed a few lines to Mr Taylor under date of August the 27th covering our usual Publications. Since that date we have received no communication from the Corresponding Committee except your Letter of July 31/30. The Papers referred to in that Letter have not come to hand. We duly received your Letter of June the 10th.

2. From what has just been stated you will perceive how uninformed we are of the State of the Jamaica Mission, and trust you will allow me to renew a request formerly made that the Corresponding Committee will have the kindness to keep us regularly and fully informed on this head.

3. By this Ship the "Governor Harcourt," Captain Ford, we forward a portion of the Books requested in your Letter of June the 10th. The Invoice is enclosed. Before I complete your order I wish to know whether you approve the kind, sizes, bindings, &c. of the Books sent. I shall also be glad to be informed whether some Books of a large size and of rather better editions might not be advantageously included in the assortment?.

4. By this Ship also we forward our own Publications to the present date. These will inform you generally of our Situation and prospects.

Nov. 5/30 Rev. J. Stainsby. & Decr. 18/30 (Private)

5. We enclose Messrs. Collins and Stearns Account Current to the present period, which we request you will forward to them. These Accounts will enable the Corresponding Committee to adjust their payments to them.

6. We were glad to find that you had set on foot the "Christian Record"; and pray that the blessing of God may rest on the undertaking. I had some suggestions to offer to you on this subject; but find it impracticable to do so at present.

I remain,
Dear Sir,
Truly yours,
D. Coates

Rev. J. Stainsby.

14 Salisbury Square
Private. Decr. 18/30.

My dear Sir,

Since my official letter to you of the 5th Ulto. I have received the first number of the "Christian Record", and Mr. W. Taylor's private letter of Octr. the 15th in reference to this Periodical.

I have been earnestly looking for this Periodical, which your former letters had led us to expect, and have read the first number with much interest and satisfaction. Such a publication will, through the blessing of God, be eminently useful. The Articles on "Councils of Protection", and "the Rev. Mr Bridges", appear to me peculiarly important. The fearless and uncompromising statement of facts, combined, as we trust in your publication it ever will be combined, with candour and charity, must make a deep impression on the public mind both in Jamaica and in this country. You will, I am persuaded, excuse me for very earnestly pressing on your attention the vast importance of diffusing through all your articles that spirit of candour and charity to which I have alluded. I am the more induced to offer this remark, because here & there a passage occurs, where a somewhat more moderated expression of feeling might perhaps have been advantageous. I make this remark however with some hesitation, as you are more thoroughly acquainted with local feelings & circumstances than I can be, & am induced to offer it from a deep conviction of the value of your own maxim "to speak the truth in love" that by a close adherence to it, the influence & consequently the utility of your Publication will be incalculably enlarged.

You may be assured that we will use our best endeavours in our individual capacity to promote the success of your important undertaking. I am not at present prepared to say how this can be best accomplished.

It will be necessary for you to find out an economical mode of sending the numbers of the work to us. The three copies sent by the last Packet were charged 15/2 each. The charge was however afterwards reduced to 5/- each but even this is too great to be borne. Perhaps if a dozen copies were done up in a single parcel, they might be sent as part of the ~~[illegible]~~ Packets freight, without incurring a very heavy expense. It is very desirable that we should receive the numbers early & regularly.

I apprehend it wd. not answer the purpose to reprint the C.R. in this country. By all means break off the connection with the Westminster Review. The work is, I think, got up in a rather expensive form; but I am not prepared at present to suggest a more economical mode. I think it should not exceed two shillings each number.

Hoping that the blessing of God may rest on this & all your labours, I remain very truly Yrs Wm. Horton

Rev. John Stainsby.

Church Missionary House,
London. Feb. 3/31

My Dear Sir

1. Our last official Letter to you was under date of Nov. 5/30. We have since received your Letter of Aug. the 24th and Dec. the 16th; the Rules and Regulations of the Jamaica Auxiliary Society; Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of July 27/30; Copy of Mr. Bullock's Letter of May 21/30; Correspondence relative to Mr. Sharp's proceedings at Accompong Town; Copy of your Letter to Mr. Bullock of Aug. 19/30; Copy of Mr. Wood's Letter to Mr. Quarrel of Aug. 26/30 with copy of Catechists' Declaration; Mr. S. Whitehorne's Letters of Oct. the 11th Nov. the 3rd and 22nd and Dec. the 23rd; Copy of Mr. Manning's Letter of Nov. 3/30; Report of Sub-Committee of Dec. 5/30; Correspondence relative to proposed Sermon at the Rev. J. B. Turner's Chapel, Dec. 5/30; Account Current of the Auxiliary Committee, Jan. 1/30 to Nov. 30/30; and Copy of the Bishop's Circular of Nov. 22/30.

2. We have not yet had an opportunity of taking the judgment of the Committee on the important subjects comprised in the Despatches before us; but will do so and apprise you of the result as early as practicable.

3. In consequence of Mr. Bullock's Letter to Mr. Stainsby of May 21/30, we again addressed the Colonial Office on the subject of the exemption of Catechists from Militia Service. A copy of Lord Howick's reply, dated the 31st Ult. is given below. Its decisive character will be highly satisfactory to you. We are persuaded indeed that all reasonable support may be expected from Lord Goderich in prosecution of the Society's objects.

4. We have no doubt that the Committee will approve of the alternative adopted by the Auxiliary Committee with regard to Mr. Wood.

Decr. 1830 Rev. J. Staunsby (Private)

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You may be assured that we will use our best endeavours in our individual capacity to promote the success of your important undertaking. I am not at present prepared to say how this can be best accomplished.

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I apprehend it would not answer the purpose to reprint the C. R. in this country. By all means break off its connexion with the Westminster Review. The work is, I think, got up in a rather expensive form; but I am not prepared at present to suggest a more economical mode. I think it should not exceed two shillings each number.

Hoping that the blessing of God may rest on this & all your labours, I remain very truly yrs W. Harte

Rev. John Stainsby.

Church Missionary House,
London, Feb. 3/31

My Dear Sir

1. Our last official Letter to you was under date of Nov. 5/30. We have since received your Letters of Aug. the 24th and Dec. the 16th; the Rules and Regulations of the Jamaica Auxiliary Society; Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of July 29/30; Copy of Mr. Bullock's Letter of May 21/30; Correspondence relative to Mr. Sharp's proceedings at Accompong Town; Copy of your Letter to Mr. Bullock of Aug. 19/30; Copy of Mr. Wood's Letter to Mr. Quarrel of Aug. 24/30 with Copy of Catechists' Declaration; Mr. S. Whitehorne's Letters of Oct. the 11th Nov. the 3rd and 22nd and Dec. the 23rd; Copy of Mr. Manning's Letter of Nov. 3/30; Report of Sub-Committee of Dec. 5/30; Correspondence relative to proposed Sermon at the Rev. J. B. Turner's Chapel, Dec. 5/30; Account Current of the Auxiliary Committee, Jan. 1/30 to Nov. 30/30; and Copy of the Bishop's Circular of Nov. 22/30.

2. We have not yet had an opportunity of taking the judgment of the Committee on the important subjects comprised in the Despatches before us; but will do so and apprise you of the result as early as practicable.

3. In consequence of Mr. Bullock's Letter to Mr. Stainsby of May 21/30, we again addressed the Colonial Office on the subject of the exemption of Catechists from Militia Service. A Copy of Lord Howick's reply, dated the 31st ult. is given below. Its decisive character will be highly satisfactory to you. We are persuaded indeed that all reasonable support may be expected from Lord Goderich in prosecution of the Society's objects.

4. We have no doubt that the Committee will approve of the alternative adopted by the Auxiliary Committee with regard to Mr. Wood.

5. The following Bills have been presented and duly honoured since that advised in our Letter to Mr. W. Taylor of Aug. 19/30; Par. 2.

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We remain, Dear Sir, Truly yours,

T. Woodroffe
D. Coates

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The second of the "Christian Record" has just reached us. The copies are charged 19/6 each postage. We are disposed to do our utmost to support the work; but it is essential to the success of our efforts that the strictest attention be paid to economy, in all that relates to it.

Rev. J Stainsby Feb. 5/31.

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C.M. House
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I shall write with freedom relative to this Publication, because I am most anxious to see it securely & permanently established. To accomplish this it is essential that it should be got up in the most economical manner, & published at a price to place it within the reach of persons *not* in affluent circumstances. To effect these objects I strongly recommend that each number should not exceed *two Sheets of Letter Press*, & that the work should be printed in a *smaller Type*. Perhaps you could not do better than to follow the form of the Missionary

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Engd. & the Missy. Secretaries in undertaking this. Were this plan adopted we could perhaps think that you had still "ample room & verge enough." One other condition, however, it will be still necessary for you to comply with, though one of some practical difficulty: it is to shorten your Articles. They are, to borrow the phrase of your Western neighbours, much too lengthy. This remark applies more particularly to the 2nd & 3rd numbers. Let your topics be well selected, & treated in a clear, concise, & comprehensive manner. Exceptions, I concede, there must occasionally be, with regard to the length of your Articles; but brevity should be your rule, & rarely departed from. I think, too, that the work should be almost exclusively confined to the Slave question. This should be its object & end, & on this it must stand or fall. May the Lord prosper & bless the undertaking.

Acquaint us fully with your views as to the mode in which we may in this country best aid the publication. Some friends think this would be best done by obtaining orders for it for [illegible] [illegible] these by sending you [illegible] of paper, or types. Perhaps you would deem it advisable that we should aid you in both these ways.

Let me further most earnestly entreat you to keep clear of political parties, & very especially to exclude those democratic principles by which men's minds are at present so violently excited. I am persuaded, too, that you should abstain from any connexion or even perhaps intercourse with the Anti-Slavery Society. On the same ground it is desirable that you should have no ostensible connexion with our own or any of the other Missionary Societies. To facilitate you in acting on these views we purpose to arrange with a London Bookseller to receive & circulate the Publication as a matter of regular business. It will thus stand quite clear of persons & parties in this country.

Again begging you to excuse the freedom with which I have expressed my-self, I am

Your very faithfully servant

A. Coode

Rev Leonard Strong

Church Missionary House,
London, Feb. 5/31

My Dear Sir

1. We are sorry to perceive that our last Letter to you is dated so far back as the 20th of August. Since that period we have received your Letter of Aug. the 18th., Mr Armstrong's of Aug. the 28th; and Mr Carter's, of Aug. the 14th.

2. We request you will have the kindness to confer with Mr Armstrong relative to his future scene of labours, and to fix it either among the Indians on the Essequibo, in your own Parish, or on some other property in one of the Settlements as may be deemed most advisable. If Ordination be considered essential in order to his being established among the Indians, I fear that must be given up; as the difficulties in the way of it would we apprehend be insurmountable. We should however, be glad to receive from you any information on this point which you may be able to obtain. Whatever the arrangement may be you will have the kindness to effect it as economically as possible; as our funds are in a state to render it doubtful whether we can continue our existing scale of operations.

3. We rejoiced to learn that Mr Car
was so comfortably settled at Leguan and fo
so much encouragement in his labours.

Rev. L. Strong, Feb. 5/31.

4. We shall be glad to receive the Annual Returns duly filled up by the earliest opportunity, should they not have been despatched before this reaches you.

5. Miss Hyndman has not applied to us for a Schoolmaster for her Property, as you suppose; nor have we heard any thing from any other quarter than yourself on the Subject.

6. Present our very kind regards to Messrs. Armstrong & Carter to whom we are unable to write by the present opportunity.

7. I am sorry to send you so hurried a Letter; but am so pressed by engagements as to be compelled to write thus or not at all. We are in the midst of trying and alarming circumstances, in our public affairs; but "Jehovah reigneth," and "blessed are all they that trust in him". May this blessing be ours!

I remain,
My Dear Sir,
Very truly yours,
D. Coates

Church Miss. House, London
March 4. 1831.

My dear Mr. Armstrong,

Our communications, from various causes, have been less frequent than we could wish, & I am thankful for an opportunity of expressing our Christian regard for you & of assuring you that we do not forget you in our intercessions at the Throne of Grace on our Saturday evening Meetings. How different in outward respects is your situation from ours! We are living in the midst of Christian society & in the enjoyment of Divine ordinances, while you have but a small measure of these advantages &, like the patriarch, are "a stranger in a strange land". But what a consolatory fact is it, that while our Invisible & Almighty Saviour vouchsafes to manifest Himself to His people in the use of outward means, He does not confine Himself to these channels, & that in the midst of the wilderness, & apart from all ordinances, the soul can have as intimate communion with its covenant-God as in the midst of the most abundant advantages. We are thankful, dear Brother, to our gracious Lord for the experience which you have had of this remark; &, while we thank Him in your behalf for this condescension & goodness we lift up our hearts in prayer for the continuance of this favour & that He will enable you to go on in your Xtian course "leaning on the arm of your beloved," & "knowing & believing the love which God hath towards you"!

You will rejoice to hear that our Society, though in some difficulty as to funds, continues to have many indications of the Lord's goodness; & our accounts from New Zealand especially as well as from South India call for our grateful acknowledgments to the Father of mercies.

That abundant grace may be imparted to you from Jesus, the depository of all grace, is the sincere prayer of

Yrs affly
T. Woodroffe

Samuel Whitehorne Esqr.

Church Missionary House,
London, March 19/31

Dear Sir

1. We addressed an official Letter to the Rev. John Stainsby on the 3rd Ult. We have since received your Letter of Jan. the 16th; the Second Report of the Auxiliary Committee; Mr. Manning's Testimonials countersigned by the Bishop; your Letter to Mr. Manning of Nov. 23/30;

Dr. Macfadyen's Medical Certificate relative to Mr. Manning's health, Nov. 23/30, and the Rev. Alexander Campbell's Certificate to Mr. M's conduct, Nov. 20/30.

2. I enclose a Copy of the Resolutions adopted by the Committee of Correspondence on the 8th Ult, and confirmed by the General Committee on the 14th of February.

3. While the Committee lament that obstacles have opposed the efforts of the Auxiliary Committee to obtain Collection Sermons in aid of the Society's objects in Jamaica, they do not feel themselves at liberty to interpose in the matter. They have however directed us to transmit to you, for the information of the Clerical friends of the Society in Jamaica, the enclosed Opinion of Dr. Phillimore in a similar occurrence in the Diocese of Gloucester some years ago. Having thus put you in possession of such information as we possess, as to the legal bearings of the question, it must be left to Individuals to pursue that course which they may deem advisable.

4. You will perceive that, as we anticipated, the Committee approve of the decision of the Auxiliary Committee relative to Mr. Joshua Wood.

5. Mr. Manning arrived in Town two or three days after our last Letter was despatched. The Committee have decided against promoting Mr. Manning's introduction to Holy Orders. They were determined to this decision partly by the State of Mr. Manning's health, and partly by other considerations. Some of those considerations would equally apply to other Catechists, as to Mr. Manning. The Committee have not therefore deemed it advisable to adopt, at present, the course suggested to them by the Auxiliary Committee, in their Resolution of Dec. 9/30, relative to sending out Ordained Missionaries.

6. The Committee entirely approve of Mr. Stearne's being removed to Salt Savanna.

7. The following Bill have been received and

duly honoured since those specified in Par. 5. of our last Letter:–

Two. S. Whitehorne, Esqr. dated Dec. 11/30, favor of Mr F. C. Whitehorne.

8. We perceive that some points on which we were instructed by the Committee to write to you some time ago, have been overlooked. Nov. 30/30 two Resolutions were adopted by the Committee of Correspondence and confirmed by the General Committee on the 13th of Dec. of which a copy is now enclosed. On these it is not necessary now to remark. The Committee had at the same time under their consideration the mode of holding intercourse with our Catechists in Jamaica. It is a matter of some difficulty nicely to adjust the authoritative character of a local representative body and that paternal relation which the Committee ever wish to maintain between themselves and the Society's Missionaries. It is therefore requisite that Par. 6 of [illegible] upon as to attain, as far as practicable, both these ends. In order to enable the Auxiliary Committee duly to discharge the duties devolving upon them, it is necessary that all official communications to and from the Missionaries should pass through the Auxiliary Committee, as already arranged; but the Committee are of opinion that Catechists should be considered at liberty to correspond with the Secretaries direct on topics of a private and confidential nature. We trust that this course of proceeding will be found to give due support to the Auxiliary Committee, consistently with the maintenance of that good feeling toward the Parent Committee, which it is of the first importance to cherish and preserve in the mind of all our Missionary friends.

9. By this Ship, the "Governor Harcourt," Capt. Friend, we forward our Publications to the present date and some articles on the private account of Mr

Collins. The Invoice and Bill of Lading are enclosed.

I remain,
Dear Sir,
Truly yours
J Coates

P.S. We enclose a copy of Mr. Manning's account with the Society.
J C

Samuel Whitehorne Esq.

C M House
Mar. 19/31

Private

My dear Sir

Mr. Hamisby will have informed you that I duly received your Private Letters of Decr. 4th and 23rd. Mr. Manning has been overpaid by you, as intimated in your letters. We ~~[illegible]~~ shall therefore debit him with the amount which he thus, through inadvertency, twice received.

In reference to your Private letter to Mr. Manning of Novr. the 23rd, which he communicated to me, you will find, I conceive, that Lord Goderich's letter to Lord Belmore, on Henry Williams Case, will prevent any interference with our proceedings from the quarter to which you allude. Lord G.s letter will strengthen your hands incalculably: it is admirable.

We have not yet received number 4 of the "Xtn Record." May the Lord bless this and all your labours

I remain
My dear Sir
very truly Yrs
D Coates

Rev. J. Maunsby Jamaica

(Private)

Church Missionary House,
London, July 21. 1831.

My Dear Sir,

I duly received your Letters of March 11th and April 6th. The business part of them I have answered to the Rev. C.R. Dallas.

I address you to say a word or two about the Christian Record. We still get the numbers very regularly: we have received the 5th Numbers but none later. Mr Wm Croft, Bookseller, Chancery Lane, London, has agreed to act as the Agent of the Proprietors of the Work, for its sale in this Country. Do exert yourself to get it regularly forwarded to him. The following is the best mode of conveyance that I can suggest. Let the Parcel to Mr. Croft be enclosed, and conveyed by Packet to the care of Mr. John Buckham, Falmouth, who will pay the freight and forward it to Mr. C. In this method, it may, I apprehend, be sent regularly by the Packet as part of the Vessel's freight.

I remain,
My dear Sir,
Yours Truly
D. Coates

Rev. C. R. Dallas, Jamaica.

Church Missionary House,
London, July 21st 1831

Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of the 19th March the following Communications have been received.

Rev. J. Stainsby's Letters of March 10th & April 6th
Mr. Forsythe's Letters of March 14th & May 10th
Your Letters of April 15th & May 10th
Mr. J. Wood's Letter of March 3d
Mr. Stearn's Letter of May 3d
Copy of Mr. Forbes' Report of St. Thomas in the East, Mar. 4th

We have also seen and conferred with the Rev. G. Griffiths and Mr. Wm. Taylor.

2. We have not yet had an opportunity of taking the judgment of the Committee on the painful situation in which matters are placed between the Auxiliary Committee and the

Bishop of the Diocese, and can therefore at present only express our unfeigned regret at a state of things calculated so much to impede and embarrass the operations of the Society in Jamaica. We hope however to communicate to you the views of the Committee by the next Packet.

3. Mr Wood's Letter above referred to enclosed a Paper which he denominates his "Resignation", and wherein he formally "dissolves his connection with the Church Missionary Society." Although the Committee could not hesitate to accept Mr Wood's resignation, after what has passed, they deeply deplore conduct on his part which has led to this result, & so painfully disappointed the hopes which they had entertained of his labouring faithfully and diligently to impart the saving truths of the Gospel to the Slave Population among whom he was placed. It is also very distressing to find the benevolent intentions of the Proprietors of the Coley Estate disappointed through the want of zeal & efficiency on the part of the Agent whom they in conjunction with the Church Missionary Society had employed; to say nothing of the expense which has been incurred by both parties.

4. We presume that Mr Wood's Instruments have been given to him. Without raising the question as to whom they of right belonged, we see no reason why they should be withheld from him.

5. The following Bills have been presented & accepted since those specified in No 7 in our Letter of March 19th:

J. Forsyth, junr Esq. Mar 12/31, 35 days sight. £100
Do. . . . £100
Do. May 6/31 . . £200.

6. The Sums advanced on account of Messrs Collins & Stearn were for Articles purchased for them in this Country at their request, to be defrayed by them out of their Salary. Their Accts. last were transmitted to you, that the sums advanced might be liquidated. The following sums have been paid on account of the brethren since those

advised by the present Steward: [illegible] Mr H Collins, £3.3, July [illegible]
paid Mr W. [illegible] for [illegible], £[illegible] [illegible] £5.3 to
[illegible] you more regularly advised in future of any payments made here on acct of the Catechists.

I am not prepared at present to state what course will be pursued by the Proprietors of Coley in reference to Mr Wood; but I believe you may rest assured, that they will only act in communication and concurrence with us.

I remain, dear Sir,
Truly Yours
D. Coates

Rev. R. C. Dallas.

Church Missionary House
July 26/31.

Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of the 21st Inst an opportunity has been afforded us of bringing under the consideration of the Parent Committee Par. 5 of your Letter of May 10/31: the copy of Mr Lipscombe's Letter to you of April 21st therein transmitted; the Par. of the Second Report of the Auxiliary Committee (pp. 13, 14) to which Mr Lipscombe's Letter refers; and the Resolution adopted by the Auxiliary Society, Dec: 8/30, on the same subject.

2. The determination of the Bishop of Jamaica not to grant Licences to the Society's Catechists, places so serious an obstacle in the way of its operations in the Island that we cannot relinquish the hope that his Lordship will be induced to reconsider the matter. The sole object of the Society being to impart religious education and instruction to the Slave Population, according to the principles of the Church of England, and the proceedings of the Catechists employed by the Society having drawn forth repeated expressions of his Lordship's approbation and satisfaction, we earnestly hope that he may, on mature reflection, see reason to resume that friendly countenance toward the Society which it formerly enjoyed. The Committee are the more encouraged to anticipate such a result from the consideration that there has been no act on their part to give umbrage to his Lordship, and from the persuasion that he would not lightly be the occasion of intercepting the communication of that spiritual benefit to the Slaves which experience warrants us to anticipate from the labours of

the Society's Catechists.

3. On the other hand we think that it will appear to our friends, on further consideration, that it would have been more advisable had the paſsage above referred to not been inserted in their last Report, and the Resolution of Dec. 8th not been adopted. However much it is to be lamented that the Bishop interdicted the intended Sermon on behalf of the Society at St. George's Chapel, Kingston, the notice taken of it in the Report and Resolution, and the subsequent transmiſsion of these documents to the Bishop led, almost unavoidably, to collision between him and the Auxiliary Committee. But while we make this remark we are very far from overlooking the painful situation in which the friends who compose the Auxiliary Committee are placed. Surrounded as they are by difficulties of no ordinary kind, viewed with jealousy and embarraſsed and thwarted in carrying into effect their benevolent measures for the melioration of the condition of the Slaves, and nevertheleſs persevering in their work with zeal and steadfastneſs, notwithstanding much personal inconvenience, and serious personal sacrifices, the Committee feel that they owe a large debt of gratitude to those who, under such circumstances, continue so cordially to cooperate with them in carrying into effect the objects of the Society in Jamaica. Deeply impreſsed as the Comm^{ee} are with the value and importance of the Service thus rendered to the Society, by these Christian friends, they trust that they will believe that in expreſsing their regret in reference to the Paragraph & Resolution above-mentioned, they are actuated by no other motive than the desire of seeing the proceedings of the Auxiliary Committee so shaped and regulated as may be best calculated to facilitate the communication of the bleſsings of the Gospel to the Slaves, so far as this may be practicable under the peculiar circumstances of the case.

4. For the attainment of this object, however, which is, we are persuaded, not more dear to us than to you, it is neceſsary constantly to bear in mind that we are members of the Church of England, and that it is equally the duty and the desire of the

Committee to carry on the operations of the Society consistently with the obligations which this character imposes on them. Should it therefore unhappily occur that, in any Mission, situated in the diocese of a Bishop of our own Church, the Diocesan directly opposes himself to its measures, on any matter within his ecclesiastical jurisdiction, the operations of the Society must be exceedingly cramped, if not altogether obstructed. This consideration, therefore, must be ever kept in view in all our measures and proceedings, since it is clear that we must act consistently with our obligations as Churchmen, or not act at all.

5. On the whole we beg to suggest to the Auxiliary Comee whether it would not be advisable that they should endeavour to remove from the Bishop's mind the impression which has unhappily been made on it by the Resolution, and the passage in the Report, by such explanations as may re-establish a good understanding between them and him, and restore to the Society his Lordship's countenance of its proceedings in Jamaica. The Committee are most strongly of opinion that is desirable, on every ground, that this result should be brought about by the Agency of the Auxiliary Committee, rather than by any intervention of the Parent Comee in the business.

We therefore confidently recommend this matter to the consideration of the Auxiliary Committee, earnestly solicitous that the Society may long enjoy the advantage of their valuable services and co-operations, and praying that the blessing of the Great Head of the Church may increasingly rest on their efforts, to promote the enlargement of His Kingdom, among the Slave Population by which they are surrounded, and whose wretched situation gives them so strong a claim to our sympathy and best exertions on their behalf.

6. No communication from you has reached us since the despatch of our Letter of the 21st Inst.

I remain,

Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully

D. Coates

Rev. S. Strong, Septr 6/31

Rev. Samuel Strong.

Church Missionary House
London, September 6th 1831

Dear Sir

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of the 4th of February we have received yours of March the 14th and April the 16th, one from Mr Armstrong of December 3rd, and two from Mr Carter, one of Jany the 4th, and the other of March the 9th.

2. The arrangement which you have made for settling Mr Armstrong among the Indians, appears to be very satisfactory. We pray that the Blessing of God may rest upon him in this new and interesting scene of labour. While the Committee are most desirous that due provision should be made for advantageously establishing Mr Armstrong at his new Station, the state of our funds compels us again to request that the most rigid economy may be practised in doing so. We particularly apply this remark to the erection of Buildings; the cost incurred in which it will be requisite to watch with the utmost care.

3. The kind offices of Sir Henry D'Urban in forwarding Mr Armstrong's settlement among the Indians is extremely gratifying to the Committee. You may perhaps deem it advisable to apprise His Excellency of the sense entertained by them of his countenance and aid.

4. We see no objection to allowing Mr Armstrong a salary of £100 per Annum, as you propose. Your payment to him of £25 for his Quarter's salary to Lady day last, out of the proceeds of the Demerara Association, is an arrangement quite convenient to us. We will give the Association credit for that amount — and also for Dr Phills' Subscription of £1.1.0, which we have made.

5. We are still without Mr Carter's Returns. The Committee particularly request that the Nos 1. 2. and 12, may be regularly made up every year to the 31st of December, from each of our Stations, and transmitted by the first opportunity afterwards. No 6 should also be made up every year, but it need include only the Books issued since the preceding Return.

6. We should be glad to obtain from you further information relative to the advisableness and practicability of Mr Armstrong's obtaining admission to Holy Orders. Should it please God to bless his labours among the Indians it would seem essential to the progress of the Mission, that he should be in a situation to impart to the people under his charge all the advantages of the Christian Ministry. We shall feel obliged if you will fully communicate to us your views on this subject.

7. We regret that we are unable to send you any additional labourers. Indeed the state of our

funds forbids the enlargement of our operations at present, and the prospect of the augmentation of our pecuniary resources is far from encouraging.

8. By this ship the "Underwood" Capt. Hunt we forward our Thirty first Report and our usual Publications to the present date. You will perceive that in the July number of the Church Missionary Record we have made good use of the communications which we have received from Demerara. We earnestly request that you and Messrs. Armstrong and Carter will continue to write fully to us. We enclose the Bill of lading of the Box now forwarded.

With kind regards to Messrs. Armstrong and Carter, and our earnest prayers that both you and they may increasingly experience the grace and blessing of "God our Saviour" in your own souls and in your labours of love for "his name."

We remain, Dear Sir,

Faithfully Yours,

D. Coates

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Rev. R. C. Dallas.

Church Missionary House,
London, Septem 22nd 1831

Dear Sir,

1. I last addressed you under date of the 26th of July, and have now to acknowledge Mr Dallas's ~~your~~ Letter of the 28th of June, covering a copy of Mr Collins' Account Current; and yours ~~that~~ of the 19th of July, transmitting a copy of the Rev. R. Panton's Report relative to the loss of the Schools in Plantain Garden River District.

2. We have been more grieved than surprised at the painful detail of facts contained in Mr Panton's Report to the Bishop. We have not yet had an opportunity of taking the judgment of the Committee on this communication.

3. Since I wrote last the general state of the Jamaica Mission has engaged the earnest attention of the Committee. At the Meeting when this took place the Committee were aided by the information and counsel of J. B. Wildman Esq. the Rev. J. M. Trew, Rev. J. Griffiths, and James Whitehorne, Esq. The result was the determination of the Committee

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to submit to the consideration of Lord Goderich the difficulties by which our operations in the Island are embarrassed, and to solicit his Lordship's intervention for the removal of them. A communication has in consequence been addressed to Lord Goderich, fully explaining the circumstances of our situation, and stating the measures which we conceive to be necessary in order to enable the Society to act with efficiency in the prosecution of its objects. A reply has not yet been received to this communication; but from the kind manner in which our communications have been uniformly received in that department; we cannot doubt but that this very important one will be favorably entertained. This position of the business renders it the more necessary that our friends on the spot should abstain from taking any steps, in reference to the Bishop of Jamaica, which might tend to indispose him to attend to the representations which may be addressed to him from home in favour of the Society.

6. The statement of Mr. Collins' Acct. with the Society above mentioned is quite correct. We have since found on his account the following items:-

March 7/31	To Mr. W. Collins —	£ 3.0.3
	To Mr [illegible] —	8.1.9
		£ 11.2.0

With kind regards to all the Members of the Committee, and our earnest prayers that you may all be upheld and prospered in your arduous duties.

I remain, Dear Sir,
Faithfully Yours
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Rev. C. R. Dallas

Church Missionary House
Oct. 4/31.

Dear Sir,

1. I addressed you by Packet on the 22d Ult.; of which Letter a Duplicate is enclosed. We have since received the Rev. J. Stainsby's Letter of the 15th of August, Mr. Forsyth's of the 16th of that month, and his statement of the Society's expenditure from November 30/30 to Aug. 1/31.

2. We have not yet had an opportunity of referring to the Committee the Despatches just acknowledged. We are grieved to learn the state of your funds, and the more so as the depressed state of our own will I fear put it out of our power to enlarge the Grant already made to the Jamaica Mission. You shall, however, hear from us as soon as the judgment of the Committee has been taken.

3. We have not yet received Lord Goderich's reply to our Letter to him, mentioned in my last. I hope, however, it may arrive in time for the present Packet.

4. By this Ship, the "Lady Fitzherbert", Captn. Ferrier, we forward our Publications to the present date, and some

Parcels for Individuals. The Invoice and Bill of Lading are enclosed. Our Publications will inform you generally of the situation & proceedings of the Society.

I remain
Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully
D. Coates

Rev. C. R. Dallas

Church Missionary House
Oct. 12, 1831.

Dear Sir,

1. I embrace the opportunity of the Revd. Griffiths' return to Jamaica to enclose Duplicates of my Letters to you of the 21st of July and the 4th Instant. No communication from you has reached us since my Letter of the 4th was despatched.

2. We have not yet received Lord Goderich's reply to our Letter, relative to the Jamaica Mission; nor have we had an opportunity of obtaining the decision of the Committee on the despatches lately received from the Auxiliary Committee.

3. I am so much pressed for time that I must refer you to the Revd. G. Griffiths for more particular information relative to our views as to the Society's operations in Jamaica.

I remain,
dear Sir,
faithfully yours
D. Coates

Rev. R. C. Dallas, Jamaica.

Church Missionary House,
London. October 20. 1831.

Dear Sir,

1. Since the dispatch of my letter of the 13th Instant, by the Revd. G. Griffiths, we have received Mr. Forsyth's letter of the 12th of Sept.

2 I have now the pleasure to enclose a Copy of Lord Howick's reply to my letter to Visct. Goderich of the 20th Ultimo; and of the two Despatches, one to the Earl of Belmore, and the other to the Bishop of Jamaica, therein referred. It will, we are sure, afford very lively satisfaction to our friends to observe the favourable consideration which Lord Goderich has been pleased to give to the statements which the Committee felt it their duty to submit to him in reference to the Society's proceedings in Jamaica, and the strong and cordial manner in which his Lordship has recommended the Society to the countenance and support of his Excellency the Governor, and Bishop of the Diocese. We trust that Lord Goderich's communications will, thro' the divine blessing free the operations of the Society in Jamaica from interruption and embarrassment, and greatly facilitate the communication of religious instruction to the Slaves and Negro Population.

3 The following Bills have been presented since those specified in our letter of March the 29th.

March 12/31	Forsyth	£150.
"	"	100.
May 9	"	250.
August 6	"	175.
Sept. 12	"	126.

4 We have not yet been able to obtain the judgment of the Committee on your recent communications, relative to which we hope to write to you by the ensuing Packet. We were unwilling, however, to miss the present opportunity of forwarding the important Documents which are enclosed.

I remain,

Dear Sir,

Very truly yours,

Rev. R. C. Dallas, Jamaica

Church Missionary House,
London, Decr. 22. 1831.

Dear Sir,

1. The only communications which have reached us from Jamaica since our last Letter to you under date of Oct. 20th was despatched are Mr. J. Forsyth's first Letter of Sept. 12th, & the Rev. J. Stainsby's of Oct. 26th. A duplicate of our last Letter is given below.

2. It afforded us much satisfaction to learn from Mr. Stainsby's Letter that matters had been adjusted between the Auxiliary Committee and the Bishop. Mr. James Whitehorne has communicated to us an Extract of a Letter from Mr. Forsyth to himself, which enters more into particulars on this subject than Mr. Stainsby's; and we cannot refrain from congratulating the Auxiliary Committee on the judicious & christian manner in which they have been enabled to re-instate themselves in their former relation with the Bishop. We are the more rejoiced at this result as we think that his Lordship will be prepared by this restoration of good understanding between him and the Auxiliary Committee the more readily to receive the impression which it is the object of Lord Goderich's Letter to make on his mind. We trust that the present position of things will lead, under the blessing of God, to the wider diffusion of the Gospel among the Slave Population of the Island.

3. Mr. Stainsby's Letter of August 15/31, with the accompanying Statement of Account, has been carefully considered by our Committee. With the strongest disposition to afford you all the means in their power for the enlargement of your operations at the present favourable conjuncture, they have been compelled by the low state of their funds to decline to augment your annual grant. In fact, our finances are in so precarious a state that it is doubtful whether we shall be able to continue to support our different Missions to their present extent. They may however rely on

the disposition of the Committee to support your operations to the utmost extent that is consistent with the amount of their means and the claims of other Missions. In the mean time the Committee earnestly recommend their Auxiliary Committee to cultivate their local resources to the utmost. Under the altered circumstances which we anticipate you will be placed in, by the influence of Lord Goderich's Letter to the Bishop and Lord Belmore, we trust that your facilities for this purpose will be considerably increased. Among the means to be employed for this end, we beg to suggest the procuring of Sermons in aid of your funds in such Churches & Chapels as may be accessible to you, and the formation, wherever practicable, of Branch, Parochial, or Congregational Associations.

5. Circumstances have arisen, which will preclude the Rev. J. M. Trew from coming out to Jamaica in connexion with the Society, as had been intended. The Committee, however, are using their endeavours to effect such arrangement as may bring out some other Individual for the prosecution of the objects which it was intended to confide to Mr. Trew.

6. We have not yet ascertained whether Mr. Goulburn is disposed to accede to the proposition contained in the second Resolution of Nov. 22/31. The result of our application shall be communicated to you.

7. A copy of the Resolutions of our Committee of Nov. 22/31 is given below.

8. We had intended to write to Mr. Mainsby by this Packet; but various interruptions have put it out of our power to do so, or to add more to you than our earnest prayers that the Blessing of God may increasingly rest on all our friends, and their important efforts to promote the salvation of the Slave Population of Jamaica.

I remain,
Dear Sir,
Truly Yours,
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Rev. L. Strong, Demerara.

Church Missionary House,
London, Decr 22. 1831.

My Dear Sir,

1. We last wrote to you under date of the 6th of September, and have since received your Letters of July 26th & Oct. 21st; one from Mr Armstrong of Aug. 10th, & one from Mr Cooke of Oct 6th.

2. The Committee entirely approve of the arrangements which you have made for settling Mr Armstrong on the Mahaicony River. May the blessing of God rest upon him and his labours. The Committee will defray such part of the expense of providing the necessary Buildings as you may not be able to cover by your local contributions. We would only remark that the precarious state of our funds obliges us to repeat the request contained in our last Letter – that the expenditure under this head may be kept as low as is consistent with Mr Armstrong's health and the efficiently carrying on of his work.

3. Under a deep impression of the obligation conferred upon the Society by the kindness shown by His Excellency Sir B. D'Urban to Mr Armstrong, and the Grant of Land on the Essequibo River; the Committee adopted the Resolution of which a copy is given below, and which we request you will have the kindness to communicate to him.

4. We regret to learn that Mr Armstrong wishes to quit his post among the Indians so soon after he has entered upon it. We trust that Mr A's good sense, aided by your representations, will convince him that the step which he contemplates would be likely to prove prejudicial to the important undertaking which he has so recently commenced. At all events we hope he will remain where he is, till we have obtained the judgment of the Committee on the subject, which we hope to communicate by the next packet.

5. You will have learned from other channels of information that our Country has been visited by pestilence and that with much terrific form, in addition to the tokens of the Divine displeasure which previously existed. The whole state of things around us is indeed calculated to awaken our fears of evil to come; though there are indications likewise that God is with us of a truth, carrying forward with power his purposes of mercy toward His Church. But we are emphatically called to "Watch and pray," having our "loins girded and our lights burning," that we may be "ready," whatever may be the providential dispensations which are coming on the earth.

With kind regards to Meſs.rs Armstrong & Cooke,

I remain,
My dear Sir,
Truly Yours,
D. Coates
Sec. C. M. S.

James Forsythe Jun.r Esq.r

Church Miſsionary House,
London, January 9. 1832.

Dear Sir.

1. We wrote to the Rev. R. C. Dallas on the 22.d ult, a Duplicate of which is enclosed. We have since received your Letter of Nov. 21st. We had previously acknowledged through him your favours of March 11th, May 10th, June 28th, Aug. 16th, & Sept. 12th.

2. The Bill for £250 advised in your Letter of Nov. 21st has been duly honoured.

3. By the Ship the "James Harris", Capt. Tilley, we forward our usual Publications, a Packet of Books for the Rev. G. Griffiths, from the Prayer-book & Homily Society, and Packages for some of the Catechists. The Invoice & Bill of Lading are enclosed.

&c. Having written so recently, we have only to add our kind regards to all the Members of the Auxiliary Committee.

I remain,
Dear Sir,
Yours Truly,
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Rev. L. Strong Demerara

Church Missionary House
London, Feb. 18. 1832.

Dear Sir,

1. No communication from Demerara has reached us since the despatch of our last Letter, bearing date Dec. 22/31.

2. Below is given a copy of a Resolution of the Committee relative to the Mission to the Indians on the Essequibo River. You will hence perceive that the Committee are prepared to comply with Mr. Armstrong's wishes, both with regard to marriage & ordination. They are however decidedly of opinion that considering the infant state of the Mission in which he is now engaged, and the need in which it consequently stands of his presence, care, and attention, that it would be most undesirable that he should quit his Station, till the undertaking is brought to some consistency and an individual is at hand to occupy Mr. A's place during his absence. It is their wish therefore that Mr. A. should remain at his post till the close of the present year, unless some special circumstance should

arise to make it obviously necessary for him to quit it at an earlier period. With a view to meet Mr. A's convenience, and to provide for the wants of the Mission during his absence from it, the Committee have set apart a Student in our Institution, Mr. Thos. Youd, as his fellow labourer among the Indians. Mr. Y. has been in the Institution more than a year, and it is the intention of the Committee that he should proceed to Demerara by the first Ship that offers in the month of October. He would thus be enabled (D.V.) to get a little insight into the state of the people, and the duties which would devolve upon him; and enable Mr. Armstrong to leave Demerara early in the ensuing year. Mr. Youd would come out as a Catechist.

3. It may probably be found a matter of some difficulty to obtain admission to Holy Orders for Mr. Armstrong in this Country. We think therefore it would be very desirable that you should ascertain if practicable whether the Bishop of Barbadoes would admit him as a Candidate on application from the Committee here, from you as their representative in his Diocese, or from the Governor of the Colony, if he should be disposed, on your representations, to address the Bishop for that purpose. In order to facilitate you in taking such steps as you may deem advisable to ascertain this point, it is necessary that you should be informed, that the Bishop of London here and the Bishop of Calcutta in India admit Individuals to Holy Orders, simply on a Letter from the Committee or their Representatives, accompanied in this Country by the usual Testimonials, provided that on examination they are found suitably qualified for the Ministerial office. It is the more necessary that you should be informed on this point, as the Bishop of Jamaica, on an application

being made to him to receive one of our Catechists in his Diocese as a Candidate for Holy Orders, declined to admit him, unless the Comtee stipulated to secure to him a Salary of £200, sterling per annum, till otherwise provided for. To this condition the Committee declined to accede; as it is incompatible with the relation in which Missionaries stand to the Society. We have reason to expect that in consequence of representations recently addressed to the Bishop of Jamaica on this head he will no longer insist on a condition, which constitutes an insuperable obstacle to our employing ordained Missionaries in his Diocese. Should you not be able to adjust this point with the Bishop of Barbadoes, on the principle recognized by the Bishops of London and Calcutta, we fear it may be impracticable for the Committee to obtain Ordination for Mr. Armstrong; as the Bishop of London would probably decline to receive as a Candidate an Individual employed as a Catechist in the Barbadoes Diocese.

With kind regards to Mrs. Strong, Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Carter,

I remain, My dear Sir,
Very Truly Yours,

Sec. C. M. S.

Rev. C. R. Dallas

Church Missionary House,
London, March 24/32.

Dear Sir

1. Our last Letter to you was under date of Dec. 22/31. We have since received your Letter of Nov. 21st; but no other communication from Jamaica, except one from Mr. J. Forsyth, Jun. of the same date, which we answered on the 9th of January.

2. Since I last wrote we have received Goulburn's reply

to the Letter which we addressed to him in pursuance of Par. 3 of the Rev. J. Stainsby's Letter to us of Oct 15/31. It is as follows:-

Betchworth House, Jan. 13, 1832

Sir

I received on Wednesday your letter of the 6th Inst. in which you apply to me by direction of the Church Missionary Society for a grant of an acre of Land part of my Estate in Jamaica for the purpose of erecting upon it a School for the education of the Children on mine and other Estates in the neighbourhood and further request some pecuniary assistance toward the erection of the building and the Salary of the Master.

I have in reply to request that you will inform the Society that I am at present in communication with the Rector of the Parish of Vere on the subject of giving greater facility to the religious instruction of the Children on my Estate and am in expectation of a reply to some enquiries which I some time since addressed to him. My wish undoubtedly is that the education of those Children should be under his direction and superintendance he being the resident Minister of the Church of England in the Parish and his residence being in immediate contact with my Estate. Should however the result of my communication with him be unsatisfactory I shall be quite ready either ~~with~~ separately or in conjunction with other proprietors to assist the object of the Society and to contribute towards the expence of giving instruction through their medium.

I ought perhaps to add that as I have only a life interest in the Estate I have no power of making a grant of Land to the Society but if a School under their direction be ultimately decided upon I do not apprehend that there will be any difficulty in procuring a School room and on terms probably more advantageous than by building.

(Signed) Henry Goulburn.

With this Letter before you you will be able to judge from what occurs on the Spot, whether it will be advisable to renew our application to Mr Goulburn at a future period.

3. In reference to Par. 4 of Mr Stainsby's Letter of Aug. 15th abovementioned, I beg to inform you that it will not be in the power of the Committee to send Mr.

Stearne's Brother-in-law, Mr. May, to Jamaica; they having found it necessary to fix his destination for Demerara to assist our Catechist Mr. Armstrong, who with the concurrence and aid of the local Government has undertaken a promising Mission to the Indians at the back of the Settlement.

4. We are feeling much solicitude on account of the late disastrous occurrence in Jamaica. May these terrible events be eventually overruled by a merciful providence to the welfare of the wretched slave population by leading the parties more immediately interested to the adoption of all prudent and proper means for the religious instruction of the Slaves and the melioration of their civil state!

5. We have not yet heard the result of Lord Goderich's Letter to the Bishop of Jamaica, and are earnestly expecting to receive some communication from you on the subject. Should the Bishop cordially adopt Lord Goderich's views, there would, I am sure, be a very strong desire in our Committee to improve the opening which would thus be presented to us for the enlargement of our operations in Jamaica. Whether, however, it would be practicable for them to do so, is doubtful; as I grieve to say that our income is likely this year to fall off very considerably. The state of things among us is unfavourable to the augmentation of the Society's pecuniary means, and we are in consequence looking forward with painful anxiety as to the course which we may in consequence be compelled to take. We know, however, that "Jehovah reigneth," and this gives us establishment and comfort amidst the darkness and doubtfulness of present circumstances

I remain,
Dear Sir,

Truly yours,
D. Coates

226 Sept. 3/32 - Rev. R. C. Dallas

Church Missionary House,
September 3. 1832.

My Dear Sir,

1. Since the Despatch of our Letter of Mar. 24/32, of wh a Duplicate is enclosed, the following communications from you have reached us:-

Joint Letter of yourself and Rev. J. Stainsby April 3/32.
Correspondence between Rev. R. Panton and Mr. McCornock, &c.
Mr. Forsyth's Letters of Feb. 14 and May 14/32.

2. Our reply to your and Mr. Stainsby's Letter of April the 3rd has been delayed in the hope of hearing from you the decision of the Bishop relative to the terms of licensing the Society's Catechists, referred to in Par. 4, and the particulars relative to the arrest and proceedings against Messrs. Winter and Phillips in Par. 2; but to the present moment no farther information has reached us on either of these subjects. Allow us to press on your notice the great importance of our being fully and promptly informed on all material occurrences in the Mission. In the absence of such information we are compelled either to do nothing when we might otherwise interpose with some effect, or to act in an uncertain and indecisive manner.

3. We shall therefore feel obliged by your communicating to us the particulars of the charge against Messrs. Winter and Phillips; the steps taken by the Corresponding Committee in reference to them; the resu with any observations or suggestions which the Corresponding Comee may think needful.

4. We are very solicitous to know whether the Bp. of Jamaica adheres to his purpose of only granting Licenses to the Society's Catechists on the recommendation of the Rural Dean of the County and Rector of the Parish where he is to officiate? Such an arrangement would materially add to the embarrassments under which the Society already acts, in endeavouring to impart religious instruction to the Slaves. Circumstanced as the Slave Population are the Comee earnestly hope that every practicable facility may be afforded to the operations of the Society, calculated as these operations are to promote the well-being of the community at large as well as the spiritual welfare of the Slaves. At all e-

ents. it is requisite that the question relative to Licenses should be brought to an immediate issue, that the Com^{ee} may without delay take such measures as may be requisite, in case the decision should be adverse to their views.

5. Sir George Rose is prepared to take any step with regard to Coley which the Com^{ee} may recommend to him. Before however we ask him to appoint Mr Forbes to that post it is desirable that we should know on what footing Mr Ward now stands there.

6. We have at present made no farther use of the Rev. R. Panton's Report to the Bishop on the Schools in Plantain Garden River District June 17/31 than what you will find in the August C. M. Record. The Com^{ee} feel obliged by the permission which he has given them of using it as they may see fit.

7. We found considerable difficulty, on various grounds, in making the short statement relative to the Jamaica Mission in the number of the C. M. Record just referred to. We shall be glad to receive any remarks upon it which may occur to you, and any suggestions as to the printing of the communications which we receive from you.

8. The Com^{ee} were much gratified by the favourable report of the Schools under Mr Stearn's care in Par. 9 of the letter of the 3rd of April. Be so kind as to acquaint Mr Stearn with the satisfaction which his labours have afforded them.

9. I regret that through inadvertency the School Apparatus is not included in the present shipment. We hope to forward it ere long.

10. By this ship the "Militant" Captn Cousins we forward our Publications to the present date. These will inform you generally of the proceedings and circumstances of the Society.

11. You will regret to learn the serious defalcation which occurred in the income of the Society last year. The Committee have adopted measures with a view to retrieve it, but felt themselves compelled to take measures prudently preventing the increase of expenditure

in any of the Missions. You will have the kindness therefore to shape your course accordingly, and on no account to subject us to a greater expense in any one year on account of Jamaica than £1000. It is painful to us to write thus but necessity compels us.

12. The following Bills on account of Jamaica have been presented since that advised in Par. 2 of our Letter of Jan. 9/32 to J. Forsyth Esq. Junr:—

Feb 11/32	favour	Whitehorne	£50.
May 12/32	——	Daly	£200
May 14/32	——	Daly	£250

13. The correspondence between the Rev. R. Panton and Mr. McCornock is truly afflictive. How can the most disastrous consequences be averted, if the Planters persist in conduct like this? May the God of all grace impart to Mr Panton all those supplies of wisdom, meekness, and firmness, which his difficult and trying circumstances require!

I remain,

My dear Sir,

very truly yours,

D. Coates

Sec. C.M.S.

Church Missionary House,
October 22d 1832.

Dear Sir,

Your Letter of the 15th Instant relative to circumstances which occurred during your connexion with the Church Missionary Society, has been communicated to the Committee; and I am directed by them to address to you the following remarks and explanations in reference thereto.

Mr. J. Wood, October 22/32

After considering your Letter and reviewing the course of their proceedings the Committee saw no reason to doubt the propriety of the conclusions to which they formerly came respecting you.

You were sent out by the Committee to Jamaica at the latter end of 1828, with the understanding that you should be proposed to the Bishop of Jamaica for Ordination, if you conducted yourself to the Committee's satisfaction, after you had resided there for sometime." This view of the Committee was communicated to the Bishop of Jamaica by Mr. Bickersteth, in a Letter to his Lordship which you took out with you.

Information having reached the Committee that the Bishop of Jamaica required the Society to guarantee an income of £200 sterling per annum to any person admitted to Holy Orders by him at the instance of the Committee, a Letter was, by their direction, addressed to the Bishop by Mr. Bickersteth, Oct. 21/29, stating that such a condition was not exacted from the Society's Candidates by the Bishop of London or the Bishop of Calcutta, and expressing the hope that, should you approve yourself to him in other respects as a suitable Candidate, his Lordship would not feel it necessary to require a farther title than has been required by those Bishops. The Bishop in his reply, Dec. 15/29, adhered to his former decision requiring the Committee to allow you in case you were ordained at their instance, £200 sterling per annum for your maintenance, until you should be provided with some other preferment." With this condition, on general grounds, irrespective of your particular case, the Committee did not feel themselves at liberty to comply.

Previously to our receiving the Bishop's reply to Mr. Bickersteth's Letter, the Testimonials concerning you which he required from Clergymen in the Colony, were forwarded to the Auxiliary Committee, that no obstacle might occur to your admission to Holy Orders, should the Bishop, on the representation made to him, receive you as a Candidate on the terms suggested to him. The Committee farther apprized the Auxiliary Committee that it was their wish that you should be authorized to return to England with a view to ordination should the Bishop of Jamaica decline to receive you as a Candidate for any other cause than that of improper conduct, and you claim the fulfilment of the Parent Committee's provisional engagement on that point. This decision was communicated to the Auxiliary Committee under date of Jan. 30/30.

It is quite clear from what has been stated above, that the Committee did every thing in their power to promote your admiſsion to Holy Orders in Jamaica, to the date I have just mentioned, and that they were ready if this could not be accomplished there on terms to which they could with propriety yield, to sanction your return home with a view to ordination in this Country.

At this period, however, the busineſs aſsumed a different form. In June 1830, the Report of a Sub Committee on the Coley Station reached the Committee from their Representatives in Jamaica, expreſsive of their diſsatisfaction at your proceedings. A copy of that Report was likewise transmitted to us by you with detailed remarks upon it, paragraph by paragraph. After considering the Report of the Sub Committee together with your remarks the Parent Committee directed that you should be admonished "to use greater diligence and activity in the discharge of your duties as Catechist and Schoolmaster," and that you should be apprised, "that under the circumstances thus brought to their notice the Committee did not feel themselves at liberty at present to propose you to the Bishop of Jamaica as a Candidate for Holy Orders, though they were willing to retain you in your present situation in the hope that your future conduct might be more conformable to their views of your obligations."

In consequence of another Letter from you, under date of August 24/30, the matter was again brought under the consideration of the Parent Committee, when they reiterated their former decision - that your conduct in the capacity of Catechist had not been such as they were entitled to expect from you; and that they found it necessary to adhere to their former resolution.

It appears that subsequently to the arrival in Jamaica of the Parent Committee's decision on the Sub Committee's Report, you attended a Meeting of the Auxiliary Committee, Dec. 9/30, and proposed to them "that steps should be immediately taken for your Ordination, or that you should be removed to England." As a compliance with the first part of this proposition was precluded by the decision of the Parent Committee then before the Auxy. Committee they acceded to the latter part of it, and directed "that a passage home should be provided for you, when you required it." Of the passage thus conceded to you, you did not avail yourself; but continued voluntarily in your situation at Coley, disconnected with the Society.

Under date of March 3/31 you transmitted as a formal resignation of your connexion with the Society, stating that "there was every probability that you should remain at Coley till the next appointment by order of the Proprietors;" and adding expressly "I have no claim upon the Church Missionary Society after the date of my resignation, 28th February 1831."

From this narrative it is manifest that so far have the Committee been from disinclination to promote your Ordination, that they took all practicable means to effect it, while your conduct continued such as to warrant their doing so; and that after you had forfeited the conditions on which alone they could consistently forward that object, they were willing still to retain you in connection with the Society as a Catechist, indulging the hope that the admonition addressed to you by the Rev. T. Woodroffe, under their direction, might lead to such a course of proceeding on your part as would authorize them to give effect to their original intentions concerning you. In confirmation of this view I beg to recall to your recollection the following passage of Mr. Woodroffe's ~~Letter dated~~ Aug. 5/30:-

"You will see by the accompanying Resolution that the Committee have thought it right to pause before they recommend you, according to their Stipulation, for Orders to the Bishop of Jamaica.

The state of the Schools under your care as alleged by the Sub-Committee and admitted by yourself, has led them to this course of action; and we trust, that, on a calm review of the matter in the presence of your God, you will be led to see that they have acted as a sense of duty and a conviction of the solemn trust reposed in them required them to act. You will observe, however, that the Committee have not relinquished the idea of recommending you for Ordination at a future period, should they feel themselves justified in taking that course, and that the fulfilment of the obligation which they had contracted, but from which subsequent occurrences have released them, is not given up; but merely delayed."

There is no wish on the part of the Committee to act with unkindneſs toward you, or to throw any obstacle in the way of your obtaining acceſs into any situation where you might be useful and comfortable. These details have been entered into merely in consequence of your Letter of the 15th Instant the tenour of which left the Committee no alternative but this to vindicate the course of their proceedings toward you.

Allow me now in conclusion to suggest - and I aſsure you it is in entire good will towards you - that an Individual is always in great danger when he constitutes himself judge on a question in which he is deeply interested personally. This consideration should make you distrustful of your own conclusions in the present instance. And I may add, that when you have opposed to you the judgment of a body of pious, intelligent men like the Committee of this Society, who have no personal motives to influence them, it ought to make you suspect that your own has been warped by the feelings which the events that have occurred have excited in your mind

With sincere good wishes for your future welfare

I remain,

Dear Sir,

Truly Yours,

D. Coates

P.S. It may be requisite to add a word in reference to what you said, when you called this morning, relative to the directions of the Committee that your communications to them should be made through the Auxiliary Committee. A little reflection will, I hope, shew you the reasonableness of this regulation. As the Auxiliary Committee are deputed by the Parent Committee to manage the Society's affairs in Jamaica, it is absolutely necessary, in order to an intelligent and efficient discharge of the duties devolved upon them, that the correspondence between the Parent Committee and the Missionaries should pass under their eye. In point of fact however, you constantly wrote to us direct, on official matters, without communicating your Letters to the Auxiliary Committee, up to the period when you dissolved your connexion with the Society in Feb. 1831. It is also to be observed that the Missionaries are at liberty to address to the Parent Committee any direct, private or confidential communication which they may think proper.

D. Coates

Rev. L. Strong

Church Missionary House

Aug. 23. 1832.

My Dear Sir,

1. My last letter to you was that of the 18th of Feb, since which period we have received —

Your letters of Mar. 3rd and May 26/32.
Mr. Armstrong's D.o Dec. 27/31 and Feb. 16/32.
Mr. C. Carter's D.o Jan. 4/32 with his Returns for the year 1831.

2. It still appears to us desirable that the views of the Bp. of Barbadoes, with reference to the reception of Mr Armstrong as a Candidate for Holy Orders, should be reascertained, for the reasons assigned in Par. 3 of my last Letter, unless you have seen reason to doubt the propriety of the Committee's promoting Mr A's ordination. Should such a doubt exist in your mind, we earnestly request that you will unreservedly communicate to us the grounds of it. The object of

the Committee, in contemplating Mr Armstrong's admission into the ministry, is the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom by placing Mr A. under circumstances to facilitate his enlarged usefulness. Should Mr A. be, from any cause, an unsuitable person for the ministry it would equally be the desire, as it would manifestly be the duty of the Commee not to sanction his introduction into it.

3. I regret to say that the difficulty with the Bp. of Jamaica, as to the terms of receiving Candidates for Holy Orders presented to him by the Society, has not been overcome. It appears that in the Letters Patent constituting the Bishopricks of Jamaica and Barbadoes, the Individuals who may be appointed to those Sees, are not exempted from the obligation imposed, or supposed to be imposed, by the XXXIII Canon, of maintaining persons admitted to Holy Orders without a Title, till preferred to some Ecclesiastical Living by the Bishop ordaining him, as is done in the Act for Colonial Ordination and that constituting the Bishoprick of Calcutta. Since it is expressly on this ground that the Bp. of Jamaica declines ordaining Candidates presented to him by the Society, unless the Committee would stipulate to secure to the person ordained a salary of £200 sterling per ann. "till he should be otherwise provided for," it is the more desirable that the subject should be brought under the notice of the Bp. of Barbadoes, in order to learn whether he takes the same view of the XXXIII Canon, as the Bp. of Jamaica does.

4. You will however consider what is stated above as not at all invalidating the permission given by the Committee to Mr Armstrong to return home early in next year. Mr Ynne, Mr Armstrong's intended fellow labourer, will (D.V.) sail for his destination early in October.

5. The present state of the Society's funds — as you will find it detailed in the XXXII Report, and in the May and July numbers of the C. M. Record, imposes upon us, with increased force, the obligation to practise the strictest economy in every branch of our expenditure, which is consistent with efficiently carrying on those objects which have received the sanction of the Committee. We are not aware however, that these limits have been exceeded by Mr Armstrong. The entrance on a new undertaking, like that in which he is engaged, unavoidably involves many heads of extraordinary expenditure: and as it is under these that there is the greatest danger of

running into excess, it is necessary that they should be watched with peculiar caution. It will be requisite that Mr A. should, at the close of the year, give us a detailed account of the whole of the expense which he has incurred at Bartica Point, with full explanations of the objects, reasons, & ratio of it.

6. We do not feel disposed to complain of the measures taken by Mr Armstrong for diminishing his expenses by clearing and planting ground for provisions. We are indeed inclined to think this a judicious and necessary step in his present circumstances; though we fully concur with you that this occupation of the mind and time of the Missionary is much to be regretted. As the vindication of his thus employing himself is found in the necessity which enforces it upon him, it ought to be relinquished the moment that necessity can be removed. This we imagine will be the case at Bartica Point at no distant period, should it please God so far to bless the labours of the Missionaries that, through their influence, habits of steady industry are established among the people. In the mean time it is requisite that Mr Armstrong should cultivate with increased diligence spirituality of mind, by a close walk with God.

7. We have not had an opportunity of taking the judgment of the Comm^ee on the parties to whom you refer settling on the Society's land at Bartica Point; but I am strongly of opinion that they would on no account sanction it, unless all of them were persons of decided religious character, and that, even in that case, it would be requisite to proceed with much consideration and caution, in making the arrangement. At all events no steps whatever should be taken in a matter of so much importance till we have had an opportunity of taking the judgment of the Committee on the subject. In the mean time we shall feel obliged by your communicating to us any additional information which you may obtain, more fully explaining the nature and probable results of the project.

8. Perhaps the better course would be, that the Young Man whom you mention should prosecute Catechetical labours under your eye, and a course of reading and study calculated to prepare him to be presented as a Candidate for Holy Orders, should that course eventually be deemed advisable. My present impression is, that having pursued this course for three or four years, and then, through the Divine blessing, obtained the requisite knowledge, experience, and maturity of judgment, he should be pre-

sented to the Bishop of Barbadoes for Holy Orders without coming to this country. On this point however, I will also obtain the judgment of our Committee.

9. The following Bills have been presented on account of our Mission in British Guiana in the course of the present year —

£12.10	Dec. 31/31	Rev. L. Strong	a R. Strong
£25.-	Jan. 4/32	— Do —	Murray & Co.
£80.-	Jan. 19/32	— Do —	N. W. Pollard
£65.-	Mar. 5/32	— Do —	Benjamin & Co.
£57.10	Mar. 5/32	— Do —	Sarah Bradford
£50.-	May 16/32	Mr J. Armstrong	Bruce & Co.

10. We feel grateful to our friends for their contributions in aid of the Indian Mission, and request you will convey our acknowledgements to them. The particulars will be printed with the current year's Report.

11. We rejoice to learn that Messrs Armstrong and Carter were well and pursuing their labours with cheerfulness, diligence, and, we trust we may add, with the divine blessing. We shall be glad to hear more frequently from Mr Carter. It is the wish of the Committee that both he and Mr Armstrong should keep journals of their proceedings and transmit to us a copy of them Quarterly as soon as possible after the 31st of Mar., 30th of June, 30th of Septr, and 31st of Decr respectively. Without such communications, the Comee are not sufficiently informed of their proceedings, nor are the sympathy and prayers of their fellow christians in this country drawn forth, as they otherwise would be.

12. We also request that the printed Forms of Returns Nos 1, 2, 4, 5, & 12 which we enclose, may be carefully filled up to the 31st of Dec. and sent to us by the first opportunity afterwards.

13. I regret that Mr Armstrong's Requisition for Medicines was overlooked till too late for this Shipment. They shall (D.V.) be forwarded by Mr Youd.

14. I fear we shall scarcely be able to answer Mr Bean's call upon us for a Catechist; but it is so encouraging a one that I am sure the Comtee will do it if practicable.

15. By this ship the "Lucretia", Captn Muirhead, we forward our XXXII Rept and the usual Publications to the present date. These will inform you generally of the Society's proceedings and prospects. But pecuniary

difficulties, as we have already intimated, are very serious: but the blessing of God rests on the labours of his servants in our different Missions, and therefore we trust that He, whose is "the silver and the gold." and "with whom is the residue of the spirit," will provide the means of sustaining and extending our operations. We are indeed in the midst of excitement and alarm; but we trust "the Lord of Hosts is with us." Whatever may be His purposes towards the kingdoms of the earth, those toward His Church are stable and sure, and shall be conducted in the way He deems wisest and best, to their destined fulfilment.

With kind regards to yourself and Mrs S. with Messrs Armstrong and Carter,

I remain,

My Dear Sir,

Truly and affectionately yours,

D. Coates

Sec. C.M.S.

Instructions of the Committee to Mr T. Youd, proceeding to British Guiana, delivered Oct. 8. 1832.

Dearly Beloved in the Lord

We are met together in order that you may receive the Instructions of the Committee, and that we may affectionately wish you God speed on your departure for the West Indies. May our Gracious Master give to us a true preparation of heart for this our parting interview! May He according to His promise be present with us, who are gathered together in His name! And when we have separated, may He still attend us with goodness and mercy to the end of our Course!

Your appointment, Mr Youd, is that of Catechist at Bartica Point in British Guiana. You will there labour under the eye of our valued friend, the Rev. Mr Strong, and in association with our Catechist Mr Armstrong, who has for nearly five years been engaged at one point or another of that Settlement; and who has permission, so soon as you shall be established at the station, to visit this Country. From the counsels of Mr. Strong, and from the remarks and example of Mr. Armstrong you will learn in detail the measures most suitable for you to prosecute. These have in general been as follows:– in the performance of Divine Worship among the Indians to read the prayers of the Church of England, and a Homily or Sermon; especially to catechize the children every Lord's day a work which when well performed, opens an immense scope for useful Instruction, giving indirectly an opportunity for many Parents and Adults to hear the saving truths of Scripture; while into the souls of the young, who are the chief object of this sacred work, it gives the means of casting precious seed, which probably will hereafter spring up to life everlasting. Infant Schools also have been found to be a very useful system for the state of Society in the West Indies. In gradually qualifying yourself upon the spot for these various works and in duly discharging them you will find your time well filled up. Seek above all, by daily prayer to be taught of God, that you may be a teacher of others.

The Committee would strongly preſs upon you the duty of fulfilling to the utmost and with entire simplicity of purpose, that office of Pastoral Catechist, which you now undertake. If at any future time, you should have improved the very few leisure hours which your present office may admit of, so far as to have made yourself more perfectly conversant with the Greek language, and qualified to paſs a higher examination than at present and if difficulties should be cleared away, which at present exist, above our reach, it may poſsibly be a matter of consideration whether you should be recommended as a Candidate for Holy Orders:– but this will mainly depend upon your having first faithfully discharged the work of a Catechist. To have used this introductory office well and to have made full proof of this subordinate ministry in the Church is the circumstance which must principally lay the foundation of expecting a higher degree.

There is another ground upon which the Committee would most solemnly urge it upon you to confine your exertions, your conversations, and all your influence to that precise work to which you are designated. Events of the most painful description have, you are aware taken place in parts of our West Indian poſseſsions. Upon the causes and the probable future consequences of these events, it is not our duty here to expatiate: nor will it be your duty to listen to political discussions or to undertake the business of a Judge and a divider in questions of a worldly nature. In the vast and slow measure of the emancipation of the Slaves, you have the greatest possible advantage, inasmuch as you are one of those who begin at the best end; while many others are of necessity, compelled to take up the question as it were in the middle, or at some other most disadvantageous and entangled part of the business. But you have been sent simply on this errand to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God. And as in times of distress of confusion and perplexity, there is generally a great want of men willing to devote themselves to the quiet and efficient discharge of one plain course of duty; let such a character be your aim. Study to understand the spiritual nature of your Mission; & in the performance of it, let your Motto be, "*This one thing I do.*"

There are some considerations which may be regarded as applicable both to Missionaries dwelling in Western Africa, and in the West Indies; which places have indeed a family likeness; not of colour and physiognomy alone, but also of civil, moral and religious degradation. And the same Europeans who have contributed in past ages to degrade the one, have in past ages contributed to perpetuate the degradation of the other. If at this present moment we might venture, with gratitude to God to say, The darkness is passing away, the true light is beginning to shine; yet we must add Thick darkness still hovers over both these regions, and faint indeed is that dawning light which just, and only just appears, to animate our hopes of a bright and glorious day. All this we feel at home: but you will *see* it, you will live in the midst of it. When, therefore, your spirits are cast down and enfeebled by climate, by religious sorrows, and by sympathy for the miseries suffered around you, call back your thoughts from the things which are seen and which are temporal, to meditate upon the unseen and eternal consequences of sin. Behold in the extended scenes of wretchedness which will ere long open to your view, a picture of the dreadful reign of Satan. He is the tyrant of this world, the tempter of mankind, the tormentor of the impenitent and unbelieving. Nor is it in barbarous regions alone, that he is permitted thus to rule. perhaps in this highly civilized Continent, which you are now quitting, he is endeavouring to fasten chains as strong upon the proud, intellectual men of our day as are those chains with which he binds the ignorant Idolater, and the crouching Slave. Sympathize with us at home, then, as we shall do with you abroad, whenever we are led to contemplate the power of the god of this world, and see by what arts, and by what violence he is permitted to lead captive at his will the children of disobedience. But remember that there is one mightier than he - even the Prince of Mercy and Peace whom we serve. He is able to cast out the great Dragon, that old Serpent, called the Devil and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: He is able to cast out both him, and his angels with him: and He will cast him out, and will bruise him under our feet shortly. Remember too, that as it is Mercy that pardons sin, so is it Love that alone can conquer Cruelty, Pity alone that can soothe Suffering, Patience alone that can come off triumphant at the last. Seek then to have Christ dwelling in your heart by faith so that you may be a comforter to others, and be comforted in yourself through Him.

But if you are indeed preparing yourself for this spiritual conflict, expect a close encounter from the Enemy. He has fiery darts in his quiver, which he will not fail to throw, wherever he may see in ~~any~~ of you an unguarded part. Especially the Committee cannot refrain from uttering the note of warning upon one subject of the most painful nature, and in reference to which we would request the attention alike of married and unmarried Missionaries; for over some of both these descriptions have we been called to mourn. We refer as you will instantly be aware, to the transgression of the Seventh Commandment: and in alluding to it, we would solemnly add a reference to that spiritual interpretation which our Lord has given us of this Commandment in the fifth Chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel. We do indeed, most deeply feel for those who, like you are called into scenes where the absence of moral principles, the presence of vicious examples, the power of Climate, the negligencies of dress, and the frequency of intercourse, all contribute to rouse the corruption of the natural heart. We earnestly commend you to Him, who alone is able to keep you from falling, as some have fallen. By the help of God's Holy Spirit, put a guard upon every sense; upon the eye especially, and upon the first thought of the evil heart within. And let this be done, daily and in all circumstances, otherwise Satan may perceive and seize the moment to cast down even strong men. Consider, dear friend, that sins of this kind, when yielded to by those who should be men of God, do exceedingly hinder his work among the Unconverted, and give the widest occasion to all the enemies of God to blaspheme. They also inexpreſsibly grieve the hearts, and weaken the hands of those, who in this country labour to uphold the cause of Miſsions. How many mourners in our Zion have of late wept over Miſsionary stations, which once gave them the liveliest cause for praises and thanksgivings: and how many fresh griefs will be opened, should those who are now abroad, or you who are about to depart, not continue stedfast and exemplary, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Accept then with much seriousneſs, these *too seasonable* admonitions. Let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall. Flee also youthful lusts: flee from them, both by immediate communion with God and by affectionate and humble communion with brethren in Christ. Both these remedies, or rather preventives of sin are recommended by the Apostle, when he says, Follow righteousneſs faith charity peace:– and adds– *with* them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. (II Tim. II. 22.)

Dear Brethren, we send you forth tremblingly. We know that the Scripture has not spoken in vain of the deceitfulneſs of the human heart and of the pollutions that are in the world through lust. But our hopes on your behalf, are fixed on God. The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin– and the promise of His Spirit has never yet failed the Church, so long as she has continued instant in prayer. Join with us then in humble supplications at the Throne of grace, now and always: let us pray for ourselves, for the Church, and for the whole benighted world: let us feel that we depend on our Heavenly Father for everything, and feeling this, let us wait on Him. They that wait on the Lord, shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles: they shall run, and not be weary: they shall walk, and not faint.

By order of the Committee

242 Oct 19/32 - Mr C. Carter

To Mr Charles Carter, Leguan Island.

Church Missionary House, London,
October 19th 1832.

Dear Friend,

I am but recently placed by Providence in the situation which occasions me to commence Correspondence with you; but part of my employment has been, to make myself acquainted, through your Journals & Letters, with the nature & difficulties of your Missionary post. I can thoroughly sympathise with you, when you remark that your present residence is in "a Country where "the Christian needs much grace, yea, a double portion, "both to uphold him in his steps, & also to direct him "how to speak & act." You *now* *feel* that: doubtless it was impressed upon you before you went out, & you then believed it: but what a different thing is it now to be actually in the midst of those trying circumstances, which call for the exercise of so much grace. A man may have thoroughly studied the Science of Navigation; but to apply his knowledge to practice in the midst of a hard Storm, shews him that something more is to be learned, than what books can teach. So you, now placed in the midst of close duties, & of closely-pressing temptations, perceive that you need a daily supply of new, & present help from God. Blessed be his name for such a promise as this — "He giveth more grace."

Mr C. Carter, Oct 9/32

He gives us grace to go out, though with much ignorance he gives us grace to go on, though with much infirmity & he will give grace to hold out, even unto the end. He alone is able to keep us from falling, & to present us faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy. May we meet there!

I have a very particular request to make of you: it is, that you would occasionally write to me; and that, from the fulness of your heart, giving a view of all the spiritual darkness that surrounds you, — & also of some of those more cheering & hopeful circumstances, that seem to be springing up before your eyes. It cannot be, that prayer should not be answered. Probably at evening-tide it will be light. Let us not be downcast, therefore, even in the darkest times, but exercise so much the [illegible] faith, & go on in our work with joy. Be sure to let me hear from you; — & believe me,

Your faithful & affect.te Brother.

Wm Jowett,
Secy to C.M.S.

(3.)

To Mr John Armstrong, Bucken Point.

Church Missionary House, London,
October 19. 1832

Dear friend,

This letter will be conveyed to you by a new Missionary Brother, Mr Gadle; & at the same time you have in me a new Missionary Correspondent. May our intercourse be profitable & pleasant! I have read all your Letters, and endeavoured to place myself in your situation: but, after all that I have seen of Foreign Countries, I still perceive how difficult it is fully to enter into the minute consciousness of all those spiritually-distressing scenes, by which you & our other Brethren in the West Indies, are constantly surrounded. You have, indeed, much cause daily to look up for guidance & consolation, to Him whom you serve: He is a God of purity, a God of wisdom, & a God of love: from Him, who is perfect in all these attributes, we derive our measure of wisdom, purity & love: May these graces be poured out abundantly upon yourself, & upon your fellow-labourer, whom we are now sending forth! - I hope you will find it not difficult to shew him his path of duty: we wish that he should feel himself firmly settled in his proceedings, before you leave him to himself alone. Will you have the goodness also to point out to him, what has not been expressly noted in his Instructions, the best method of regularly keeping his Journals. Where there is so much moving from place to place, their work with som interruptions: still, where there is plan & purpose thing is eventually well done. It is particularly de rable to receive from you sketches of that spiritual gloom that envelopes yours — & also let us partak with you of every gleam of hope, that seems to beam upon those regions. We are in continual anxiety & prayer about them.

You cannot be amazed at the ignorant & unkind cavils, that are made against Missionary work amongst you. The same opposition has always been raised against the faithful Servants of Christ. May your Schools, & the blessing of God upon them, & converts given to your labours, be your answer to all objections. May you be enabled by well-doing to put to silence the ignorance of foolish men. And may they who are of the contrary part, have nothing to say against us, but be persuaded that God is with us of a truth.

Believe me to be, Dear Sir,
Your faithful & affect.te Brother in Chr

Wm Jowett,
Sec.y to C.M.S.

(3.)

246 Oct 19/32 - Mr Thos Youd.

Mr Thomas Youd.

Church Missionary House
October 19. 1832.

Dear Sir,

1 I enclose the Instructions delivered to you by the Committee on the 8th Instant. These sufficiently explain the great principles on which it is the wish and expectation of the Committee you should act. There are however a few matters of detail on which it is requisite that I should address you.

2. Mr Armstrong has not been settled sufficiently long at Bartica Point to enable us to say with certainty what the amount of your Salary will be. Probably about £150 per annum will be requisite. This however will be settled on the same general principle which regulates its amount in all the Society's Missions; i.e. of making economical provision for the necessary expenses of the Missionary at the Station where he may be placed. This point will be finally arranged by Mr Strong when the Mission is in a sufficiently settled state to ascertain what sum your circumstances require.

3. You will have the kindness to commence a Journal as soon as you embark. That portion of it which respects your voyage should be transmitted by the first opportunity after your arrival in Demerara. Afterwards you will forward it to us quarterly, made up to the 31st of March, 30th of June, 30th Septr, and the 31st December in each year. The Committee attach much importance to your keeping regularly and punctually transmit-

ting your Journal to us.

4. You will be furnished with the sum of £10. in case unforeseen circumstances should subject you to expense previously to your reaching Demerara. For this sum or any unexpended balance, you will have the kindness to account to Mr. Strong on your arrival.

5. It is the wish of the Committee that you should endeavour to make yourself useful on the voyage by imparting religious instruction to those who sail with you, and for this purpose you have been furnished with a supply of Bibles, Prayer Books, and Tracts. In the prosecution of this object, however, it will be necessary that you should obtain the concurrence of the Captain. This is seldom refused where the application for it is supported by a discreet and conciliatory, but firm and consistent line of conduct.

6. I request you will acknowledge this Letter and the Instructions when the Pilot leaves the Ship in the channel.

With my earnest prayers for your welfare and usefulness,

I remain,
Dear Sir,
Truly Yours,
D. Coates
Sec. C. M. S.

Church Missionary House,
London. October 19/32.

My Dear Sir,

1. No communication from British Guiana has reached us since the despatch of my Letter of the 22d of Augt, of which a Duplicate is enclosed

2. This Letter is given in charge to Mr. Thomas Youd

whose arrival our former Letters will have led you to expect. He has spent about two years in the Institution at Islington, and is, we trust, a simple minded and devoted young man. A copy of the Committee's Instructions to him, and of my Letter covering the communication of the Instructions, are enclosed. These will inform you generally of the views of the Committee with regard to his future proceedings. May the blessing of God abundantly rest upon his labours among the benighted Indians!

3. You are aware that the Committee have authorized Mr Armstrong to pay a visit to this country after Mr Youd shall be settled at his Station. We have no doubt Mr A. will feel the propriety of continuing there until Mr Youd is so far acquainted with the state of the people and the method of carrying on the work as to be able to act with efficiency after his departure.

4. Since I last wrote, your Letter of the 26th of May has been taken into consideration by the Committee. A copy of the Resolutions adopted by them in reference to it is enclosed.

5. The impression of the Committee is adverse to the sanctioning of the settlement of any person on the Society's land at Bartica Point, except those who are immediately connected with the Society. Any arrangement of this kind would probably in the event embarrass, if not seriously impede our proceedings. Having secured this Grant from Government specially with the view of affording religious instruction to the Indians and Coloured People in that neighbourhood, we are bound in justice to them, as well as by due regard to the most advantageous mode of carrying on our own operations, to appropriate the land so as best to promote the spiritual interests of the people. You will observe that the further consideration of the matter is postponed till we obtain fuller information from you on the subject.

6. The second Resolution taken in connexion with what is stated in Par. 8 of my last Letter renders it unnecessary to enlarge now on the case of the young man mentioned by you.

7. With reference to the third Resolution I need only say, that we have a Young Man in view who may possibly be found suitable to place on Mr. Beard's Property; but that the Committee have not yet had an opportunity of informing themselves sufficiently of his suitableness for the post. Should the result of their enquiries be satisfactory he will probably come out almost immediately.

8. We have no farther information to communicate relative to the admission of our Catechists to Holy Orders in the West Indies Dioceses.

Excuse the hurry of this Letter, for I am exceedingly pressed by my engagements at the present moment.

I remain,
My Dear Sir,
Truly & affectionately Yours,
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Rev. C.R. Dallas

Church Missionary House,
November. 22. 1832.

Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of my last letter bearing date Sep. 3rd we have received:—

Your letter of May 19/32; Account Curr. of Jamaica Auxil. for the Year 1831;
Rev. J. Stainsby's do. May 9/32; Third Report of ye Jamaica Comm. 1831;
J. Whitehorne's Esq. do. Aug. 24/32; and
The Correspondence with the Bishop of Jamaica relative to the Licensing of Catechists.
Papers relative to the arrest of Messrs. Philips and Wynter &c.

2. The Comm. have been much concerned to learn that the difficulties which were interposed to Mr. Forbes obtaining the Bishop's License to reside as a Catechist of the Society at Moore Town, had not been removed, at the date of our last communications from you. On the general question we can do no more than refer you to what is stated in Par. 4 of our last letter. It does not appear, on the best consideration which we can give to the documents before

us, that Mr. Forbes' conduct, while stationed in St. Thomas in the East rendered him undeserving of the confidence of the Comee, as one of the Society's Catechists. We therefore are reluctant to relinquish the hope that Mr. Forbes may have been enabled to remain at his post in Moore Town, where he had the prospect of usefully prosecuting his labours.

3. Should however a licence have been withheld from Mr. Forbes and he have been obliged, in consequence, to quit Moore Town, we beg to suggest his being placed at Coley. Mr. Joshua Wood's relinquishment of that station, opens the way for this arrangement, and it would be most acceptable to Sir G. H. Rose to have it carried into effect. We have reason to believe that, in consequence of measures which have been recently adopted by the Proprietors of Coley with reference to the management of that property, ~~[illegible]~~ greater facilities will be afforded to the Catechist stationed there for acting with efficiency than have heretofore been enjoyed.

4. The Papers relative to the arrest of Messrs. Philips and Wynter have been carefully considered by the Comee. The conclusion to which they came is stated in the Resolution copied below. Our deliberations on this occasion were aided by your valuable coadjutor, Mr. James Forsyth. The Comee deeply deplore the harsh and injurious treatment to which these friends were subjected. The animus indeed of all the parties who participated in the transaction is rendered sufficiently intelligible, by the language of the documents which have been transmitted to us. As however the Comee were led to suppose that, by the terms of the Proclamation establishing Martial Law, it was obligatory upon Messrs. Philips and Wynter to present themselves for enrolment under it, they were of opinion that the omission of Messrs. P. and W. to do this, though that omission probably arose from an impression that as Religious Teachers they were exempted from the obligation, would have enabled those with whom they had to deal, plausibly to urge this omission to their prejudice, and consequently weaken the effect of any representations which the Comee might make to Government relative to the treatment which Messrs. P. and W. experienced. The Comee therefore did not deem it advisable to lay the case before Lord Goderich.

5. The Comee beg you will have the kindness to convey to the Rev. Alexandr. Campbell the Rural Dean, their grateful acknowledgments to him for obtaining the release of Messrs. Philips and Wynter from arrest, by his kind and prompt interference on their behalf.

6. The following bill has been presented on account of the Jamaica

Auxiliary, since those particularized in Par. 12 of our last letter—

Aug. 21st..... James Whitehorne Esq......£50.

7. We feel much for our friends in Jamaica in the present violently excited state of the White Population against religion and religious men. The situation of the Island appears to us perilous in the extreme, from the tendency of the conduct pursued by the Whites to bring on a collision between them and the Free coloured Population. Unless the Whites are firmly and vigorously repressed by the Governor, and effective measures are taken to secure to the Religious Teachers protection in carrying on their ministrations, and to the Slaves permission to attend upon them without molestation, such a collision seems inevitable; and, if it take place, the consequences to be apprehended are most disastrous to all parties; but especially to those who are so unwisely provoking it by their intemperate proceedings. May God in His mercy avert the danger, and conduct this difficult and portentous question to such an issue as shall be most conducive to the spiritual welfare of the Slaves and the peace and prosperity of the Island!

We remain,

Dear Sir,

Truly and affectionately yours,

D. Coates,

Sec. C.M.S.

P.S. Private.—Be so kind as to inform Mr. Stainsby the £12-10.0, were duly received of Messrs. Esdaile and Co. for the copies of Mr. Pratt's Hymn-Book sent to him.

To Mr. Wm. Stearns, Jamaica.

Church Missionary House, London.
Novr. 22nd/1832.

My Dear Friend,

Although (I believe) personally unknown to you, yet I indulge the hope that if life be spared to both of us, we shall not unfrequently be Correspondents. The situation in which Providence has placed me, causes me to feel a lively Interest in all your affairs, as well as those of all other Brethren in the Missionary field

I was particularly struck with one circumstance, which you mention in your Journal; that namely, of having given a written engagement not to preach. The term to preach is one of great latitude. Probably the design of those, who required such an engagement, was that you should not occupy that distinguished & conspicuous post, which a Pulpit, & a direct public & solemn address to an audience, imply. But through the medium of Catechising it is obvious that an immense use may, & ought to be, made of the Holy Scriptures in the way of explanation. Even if a person were examining Scholars in any Catechism, for example, that of the Church of England, yet Scripture-Proofs may be required & given; & that, with so much of System, as to convey gradually more knowledge to the mind of Catechumens, than is generally communicated by a long, set Discourse; – while pointed Questions may touch the Conscience, as powerfully as pointed Appeals. I just throw out these hints, partly for the relief, & partly for the guidance of your mind. A copious, and systematic use of the Scriptures after this method, might be wholly divested of the form of Preaching, & yet secure most of the benefits of a Pulpit, and some which a Pulpit does not afford.

The two reasons which you suggest for feeling a hesitation at passing your Journals through the Corresponding Committee, suggested to my mind this reply. Of course you are, in your Mission, doing nothing but what you would wish all the world to know, if it were of any use that the world should know it. Now if the Corrg. Committee consist, as you mention, of young Christians, & those connected with the N.W. Indian Trade, your Journals, carefully prepared, may prove even a means of grace to them. Of course, at the same time, you have always the liberty of writing confidentially to us.

Be assured we shall at all times be happy to receive the fullest communications from you; whether they have first come, as all your ordinary Details ought, through the medium of our friends on the spot, or occasionally, as you may feel most satisfaction, in writing to us direct.

Believe me to be, Dear Sir,
Your sincere & affect.te Brother in Christ,
William Jowett,
Secy. C.M.S.

(3.)

Mr. E. Collins

Church Missionary House, London,
November 26th 1832.

My dear friend,

Although not personally known to you, yet I hope that we shall by degrees become well acquainted with each other; Providence having placed me in a situation to bear a near relation to you. You are one of those, to whom it will be my continual study & prayer, that I may be enabled to minister comfort & a means of spiritual counsel, while they are bearing the burden & heat of the day, in the Missionary fields.

In your communications, which I have read with much interest, you observe that there are not a few appear to be much of the spirit of anxious enquiry, "What must I do to be saved?" Certainly, till that question is asked in earnest, our labours have fallen short of their main point. Yet even in that expression there may be an inaccuracy:— our Labours, imperfect as they are, may have come up to the point of our ability; & yet the blessing not be granted by God. For He is Sovereign in all his appointments: He blesses the weak; He withholds from the strong:— nay, He blesses both, or withholds from both, as He pleases. It is His work, & His only, to stir up the spirit of anxious enquiry in men's hearts. Meantime, it is our work to prepare the way of the Lord;— to lead men to the conviction of sin & to the knowledge of Christ, the Saviour. And assuredly, if we are faithful according to our opportunities, our labour shall not be in vain in the Lord. There are treasures of success in future years yet to be opened:— be encouraged therefore, dear brother, though you may not yet have seen the full desire of your heart.

We know well the peculiar difficulties of your station. They are often the subject of our earnest prayers, as well as of our anxious deliberations. For yourself however, the path is so clearly marked out, namely, to work according as opportunity is afforded, without mixing yourself up with any secular questions, that we cannot too strongly press this upon you & our other Brethren in the West-Indies. In due season, and, we earnestly hope, in mercy, not in judgment, God will appear on the side of his Gospel, & gladden the hearts of all Missionaries by breaking every yoke of bondage.

Believe me &c &c,
Yours faithfully & affectionately,
Wm Jowett.

Rev. C. R. Dallas.

Church Missionary House,
London, Dec. 3d 1832.

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2. By this Ship, the "Duke of Bronte", Capt. Harris, we forward our Publications to the present date; some Packages for the Rev. G. Griffith; and a consignment of Books, to the amount of £20, from the Religious Tract Society, agreeably to the suggestion contained in par. 8 of your & Mr. Stainsby's Letter of April 7/32. The Invoice & Bill of Lading are enclosed.

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I remain,
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D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

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P.S. Have the kindness to forward the enclosed [illegible]

Feb. 11/33. Rev. C. R. Dallas.

Rev C. R. Dallas

Church Missionary House,
London, Feb. 11. 1833.

My Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of our last Letter, dated Dec. 3/32, we have received your Letter of Dec. 14/32, with its Enclosures, the Rev. J. Stainsby's Private Letter of Dec. 14/32; & one from Mr. W. Stearns, without date.

2. The important communications just acknowledged received the immediate and serious attention of our Committee. The result was the adoption of the Resolutions of the 5th Inst., copied below. The first expresses the judgment of the Committee, that under the operation of the Clergy Law, passed in Dec. last, it would be impracticable for the Society to act with efficiency in the Diocese of Jamaica. By the second, they therefore withold their sanction from the return home of Messrs. Collins & Stearns, with a view to their admission to Holy Orders, being persuaded that, under present circumstances, they could not act with efficiency in Jamaica, as Ordained Missionaries in prosecution of the Society's objects. Consequent on these views they directed that a Letter should be addressed to Viscount Goderich with a view to obtain His Majesty's disallowance of the Law in question. That Letter was transmitted to Lord Goderich on the 5th Instant, and enters at some length into a consideration of the very grave objections which the Committee conceive to lie against those provisions of the Law which would bear on the proceedings of an Ordained Missionary of the Society. We have not yet received Lord Goderich's reply; but entertain sanguine hopes that his Lordship will advise the disallowance of the Law. The Committee have, of course, limited our observations to the operations which the Law would have on a Clergyman of the Church of England, acting in the capacity of a Missionary; conceiving that, as the Representatives of a Missionary Society, they could not go beyond this point in an official communication to the Government; though they strongly feel that its bearing on the Clergymen who petitioned against it is extremely severe and injurious. Should the Law not be disallowed by His Majesty's Government we doubt not that the Committee will take farther

measures, with a view to effect the removal of the obstacle thus interposed by the Local Legislature to the melioration of the condition of the Slaves, through the intervention of Clergymen of the Church of England.

3. Under the circumstances above referred to the Comtee. had no alternative but to withold their sanction from Meſsrs. Collins & Stearn's return home for Ordination. You may rest aſsured that the decision of the Parent Committee on this point arises from no distrust of the judgment of the Auxiliary Committee, nor from any doubt of the superior advantages which duly qualified persons in Holy Orders would poſseſs for advancing the objects of the Miſsion. We request you will have the kindneſs to apprise Meſsrs. Collins & Stearn of the grounds of the Committee's decision respecting them; and that they rely on their continuing to prosecute with zeal & diligence the important labours in which they are already engaged, whereby they may, through the divine bleſsing, be the means of much spiritual good to the Slave Population around them. It may not be improper to suggest that it is desirable not to hold out eventual admiſsion to Holy Orders by the Catechists employed in the Miſsion, as a matter of course. This result could only be promoted by the Committee with regard to such as had conducted themselves prudently & zealously in the office of Catechist, and whose piety, soundneſs of judgment, & attainments generally would warrant the Committee in proposing them to the Bishop as Candidates for Holy Orders.

4. We should be extremely sorry if our somewhat importunate calls for full and frequent communications should have worn the semblance of unkindneſs towards our friends of the Auxiliary Comtee. We deeply sympathise with them under their trying circumstances, and the more so as we are well aware that these have been occasioned, to a considerable extent, by their connexion with the Ch. Miſs. Society, and their zealous, steady, & uncompromising efforts to promote its objects. Be aſsured that these are highly appreciated & thankfully regarded by the Comtee. Indeed our solicitude to be regularly supplied with information is principally occasioned by our desire to find ourselves in a situation to render you effectual support. The Aux. Comtee. fully enjoy the confidence of the Comtee. here, as well as their affectionate esteem & regard.

5. We are glad to learn that Mr. Forbes has been licensed to Moore Town. As this arrangement will, we trust, be productive of spiritual good to the Maroons we think the Aux.y Com.ee acted judiciously in silently acquiescing in it. As Mr. F. is thus fixed in Moore Town it is desirable that he should remain there; but if you can acquire the services of an efficient Catechist, Coley should by all means be occupied by him. The placing an Ordained Missionary there, or promoting Mr. A. Forbes' Ordination, is, we apprehend, out of the question under present circumstances.

6. The Books furnished to Missionaries by the Society, and bearing its stamp – C.M.S. – are the property of the Society, and subject to the disposal of the Parent & Aux.y Committees. Such books therefore sh.d be left at the Station, when a Missionary quits it for another, or on his return to England, subject of course to the Aux.y Committee's decision, as to his taking the whole or any part of them with him.

In conclusion accept our cordial thanks for the full and unreserved communications before us, which have enabled us to act promptly & decisively in reference to the important topics comprised in them.

I remain,
My Dear Sir,
Truly & affectionately Yours,
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Encl. 15810

Rev. L. Strong

Church Missionary House,
July 31. 1833.

My dear Sir,

1. Since we last wrote to you under date of Oct. 19/32, the following communications from the Mission have reached us:-

Your letters of Jan. 14/33, & its Enclosures, & April 28 - 1833.
Mr. Armstrong's d.o Jan. 18/33.
Mr. Carter's d.o December 31. 1832.
Mr. Youd's letters of Jan. 4/33, Mar. 20/33. May 24/33, and his Journal from April 1 to June 1 - 1833.

2. We feel much obliged by your kindness in communicating with the Bishop of Barbadoes relative to Mr. Armstrong's Ordination. We regret that the rule laid down by the Bishop for the reception of Candidates for Holy Orders, is likely, by its operation, to exclude the Catechists of the C.M. Society from obtaining Ordination from him. On Mr. Armstrong's ar-

rival, for he is not yet arrived, the Comee will enter on the farther consideration of the case, and decide on the course which it may be requisite for them to pursue respecting it.

3. The young man referred to in Par. 7 of our last letter, was not considered by the Comee suitable to place on Mr Bean's property. This result was the more painful, as we fear there is little prospect of our meeting with a suitable person this season.

4. The progress of Mr Armstrong's labours at Bartica Point, appears to the Comee very encouraging, and they are glad to observe from Mr Youd's journal, that he is following them up with zeal and diligence. From the contents of his Journal, ~~however~~, we are inclined to think that he is carrying on his operations somewhat too discursively. The result of all our experience in Missionary proceedings has convinced us that concentrated effort is most likely, under the divine blessing, to be productive of permanent spiritual good. We are therefore inclined to think that Mr Youd's principal labours should be confined to Bartica Point, where he is located. Here it should be a principal object to form a well-conducted School, not too numerous to prevent him from efficiently instructing the children received into it. The catechetical instruction of these children in the truths of the Gospel, to be the leading object. Such a School might be carried on consistently with the religious instruction of the people of the settlement, by conversational intercourse held with them at convenient opportunities. On the Lord's Day, Public Worship would of course be held, and religious instruction administered in a more direct manner. It is requisite, however, that Mr Youd should bear in mind, in the discharge of this part of his duties, that he is not in Holy Orders, and that, consequently, it is requisite that he should not exceed the limits which his lay character prescribes to him. We are persuaded that by a judicious course of proceeding, he may very fully administer religious instruction to the people, without intrenching on the ministerial office. Mr Youd would also probably find an opportunity of forming a Sunday School for adults, which might, through the Divine blessing, prove very useful.

5. Mr Troughton has not yet presented himself to us. His Father has called on us respecting his Son's engaging in Missionary

labours, and is, we think, adverse to his doing so. This is a point the adjustment of which must be left to the parties themselves.

6. We have not yet seen Sir Benjamin D'Urban. We are glad to learn that he is disposed to promote the making a grant from the Colonial Revenues of British Guiana in aid of our Miſsion at Bartica Point, though we fear the financial situation of the Colony will prevent its being made at present. We should be glad to receive a copy of your Memorial to Sir B. D'Urban on the subject. Indeed it is very desirable that we should be put in poſseſsion of a copy of all Official Documents respecting the Miſsion.

7. In Mr Carter's letter before us, he refers to his not having kept a Journal, and to his having been unable in consequence properly to fill up the Returns of his Station; He at the same time expreſsed his concern at the omiſsion, and held out the hope of supplying it in future. We regret to say that though that letter was dated on the 31st of Dec. last, no Journal, or even letter, has since been received from Mr Carter. We shall therefore feel obliged by your again reminding him of the wishes and expectations of the Comee on this head, and expreſsing our earnest hope that we shall in future duly receive his Journal in Quarterly portions.

8. We have also to expreſs our regret that we did not receive the Returns of the Station at Bartica Point, for the year 1832, agreeably to the printed forms sent out. We shall feel obliged by your requesting Mr Youd to make them up accurately for the current year, immediately after the 31st of Dec., and transmitting them to us by the first opportunity afterwards. The Comee also request Mr Youd will prepare a Half yearly Account Current, embracing the whole of his expenditure, to the 30th of June, and 31st of Dec. in each year, distinguishing the object and rate of each payment, and forward the same to us with his Journal, to the periods at which they are made up.

9. By this Ship, the "Reliance", Capt. Luckie, we forward our Publications to the present date &c. The Invoice and Bill of Lading are inclosed. This shipment includes the Medicines, Hand Corn Mill, and Grind Mill, requested by Mr Armstrong, and a Barrel Organ for conducting Infant School singing, promised to Mr Youd before he left England.

We cannot close this letter without expreſsing our grateful sense of your kind exertions in furtherance of the Society's objects in British Guiana, and our thankfulneſs to learn that the Lord still continues to bleſs your labours to the people among whom your ministry is carried on. May He increasingly bleſs you in these labours and in your own soul!

We remain,

My Dear Sir,

Truly and affectionately yours,

D. Coates

Sec. C.M.S.

Church Miſsionary House,
London, August 1st 1833.

Dear Mr Carter,

As I sit down to write to you, & aſsure you of the sympathy & prayers of your brethren here, I endeavour to think what may be the trials which you are now suffering. Of one of these I am reminded by the very season of the year at which I write. Often, when languid with the heat of summer in this country, I say to myself, This is nothing compared with Malta — & then I add, It is nothing compared with what others are suffering in the East or West Indies, where the fierce sun renders health so feeble, & labour so difficult — &, most painful of all, renders the heart sometimes so weary in good works. May it please God to pardon all our sinful wearineſs, & to have compaſsion upon the wearineſs of infirmity! — You will

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see from our public Papers two remarkable events occurring within a very short time — One, the great step relative to Emancipation taken by our Legislature; the other, the far greater Deliverance which God has wrought, on behalf of that venerable Man, Mr Wilberforce, whom it has pleased God to deliver from the burden of the flesh, & take to eternal rest in glory. May we follow him, as he followed Christ. He at an early period of life entered the kingdom of God, as a little Child, & was preserved consistently to maintain that character to the last. We shall not attain his distinguished eminence in the world: but we may, through grace, enter the same Heavenly kingdom in the same spirit, & be the means of bringing others also into it.

I remain, Affectionately yours,

William Jowett.
Church Missionary House, London,
August 1st 1833.

Dear Mr Yound,

How your health is; how, the health of your soul; — & how the work of the Lord prospers in your hands, are questions very interesting for us to ask, & receive your answers concerning them. Commu- tated on all these subjects are the best: — yet

There is one particular point on which I have for a long time been reflecting, in reference to you. You may remember that we suggested that you might possibly have the inclination, & find the time, to keep up your Studies, so as to be improving your mind, & adding stores to it, which might in time extend your means of usefulness. Have you been able to do this? We cannot always foresee a man's course, & therefore the suggestions we make are general, & they are left for time & God's Providence to develope them: but we wish continually to see how these suggestions operate. I have been somewhat apprehensive lest you might combine Study & labour, so as to injure health, or diminish your present practical usefulness. It is difficult to do two things well, at the same time — especially in a hot Climate — at least, more time is required to effect a twofold object, than a simple one. To teach ourselves, while teaching others, is, in spiritual things, not difficult: but to keep up Greek & Latin, while teaching Negroes in English is not easy.

These are traits which call for much exertion; may you, & all our other Labourers be faithful humble, persevering men! You will see from our Public Papers what cause there is for thankfulness to God, in reference to the

West Indies: may we be ready now to work the more effectively, as God gives us more opportunity!

Yours, very sincerely,

William Jowett.

Rev. C. R. Dallas

Church Missionary House
London, Aug. 28. 1833.

My Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of our Letter of Feb. 11/33, the following communications from the Mission have reached us.—

Mr. Whitehorne's Letter of April 29/33,
Mr. Stearn's Letter of April 29/33. &
Your Letter of July 8/33.

2. By this Ship the "James Daly", Mackenzie, Master, we forward our publications to the present date; 100 Bickersteth on the Lord's Supper, & the School Materials formerly requested. The last are considered sufficient for three Schools of 100 Children each. The Invoice & Bill of Lading are enclosed.

3. The publications now sent will inform you generally of the course of the Society's proceedings at home and abroad. With respect to both, we find much cause for encouragement in the indications of the Divine Blessing resting on our labours, though our work as is to be expected encounters many hinderances.

4. Ere this reaches you the form which the Slavery Extinction Bill finally assumed will have become known to you. It is a very trite remark to make that the question was one of extreme difficulty and complexity; though the very great importance of its bearing on any measure that could be devised for the extinction of Slavery ought never to be lost sight of. Without, therefore,

entering on any discussion of a question now finally disposed of by the Legislature, I may be permitted to observe that, all circumstances considered, I am not sure that a wiser or better adjustment of it could have been reasonably expected. We trust therefore the administration of this great measure will be so graciously directed by Divine Providence that the benevolent object of it may be attained to the advantage & welfare of all the parties interested. Much undoubtedly remains to be done, in order to the measures being brought to this issue, the right doing of which depends, perhaps unavoidably, on the Local Authorities. We are very sensible that there is room for some anxiety as to the course which these Authorities may pursue in giving effect to the provisions of the Act. As, however, it must be manifest to all parties that a state of Slavery can exist no longer, and as it is equally manifest that the interest of the Slave-holder is deeply involved in the transition to a state of freedom being made without commotion or violence, we entertain the hope that the Local Authorities will find in these considerations inducements sufficiently powerful to engage them promptly to adopt suitable measures to give effect to the decisions of the Legislature of the Parent State. The crisis is, however, a momentous one, and calls for the earnest prayers of the servants of God, that, through His mercy & power, we may be safely & happily carried through it.

5. Of all means, however, for rendering the transition from Slavery to freedom safe and salutary, that of imparting sound, religious instruction to the Slaves, is unquestionably the most important. This consideration brings the question in its present state within the province of a Missionary Society. Under this impression the Committee are in communication with Mr. E. G. S. Stanley with a view to the more extended employment of the agency of this Society in the West Indies. How this negociation may terminate we cannot say; but you are well

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aware of the difficulties which impede our operations in Jamaica. We shall not fail to give you immediate information of the result, when the matter is brought to an iſsue. In the mean time we request the Corresponding Committee to take the subject into consideration; and fully to communicate to us their views as to the removal or obviating existing obstacles, and of rendering the enlarged operations of the Society effective, if it should be found practicable to enter upon them.

With kind regards to all the Members of the Committee,

We remain,

Dear Sir,

Very truly Yours,

D. Coates

Sec. C.M.S.

P.S. Have the kindneſs to inform the Rev. J. Stainsby that I have duly received his Private Letter of July 2/33. I feel much obliged to him for it, but am unable to reply to it at present.

Bp. Barbadoes

Church Miſsionary House,
London, September 21st 1833.

My Lord,

I am directed by the Committee of the Church Miſsionary Society to submit to your Lordship's notice the case of Mr. John Armstrong, who has been labouring for six years as a Catechist of the Society in British Guiana; during the latter part of which period his services have been devoted to the Indians within the boundaries of the Colony, under the sanction & encouragement of His Excellency the Governor.

Mr. Armstrong having at the commencement of this month returned to this Country, partly on his own private affairs, solicited the Committee to promote, if practicable, his admission to Holy Orders.

The Committee, as your Lordship is aware, had been previously acquainted with his wish; — and it had appeared to them, that his period of past service, in which he had been found laborious, faithful & prudent, — and the remarkable openings for Missionary exertions among the Indians of British Guiana, were circumstances, which concurred to make his case worthy of special recommendation.

The Committee were apprized that your Lordship — (although generally desirous of receiving Candidates for Orders either from the Universities at home, or from Codrington College) — was prepared to admit of excepted cases, the merits of which to be judged of by your Lordship; — and, under this view, it would have been obvious to the Committee to have had the case of Mr. Armstrong again submitted to your Lordship's consideration, previously to his leaving the West Indies; had it not been for a difficulty, which the Committee apprehended might prove insuperable.

This difficulty arose from the expressed intention of the Lord Bishop of Jamaica to require a title from Candidates, agreeably to the provisions of the thirty third Canon; — a condition, which Societies in the Church of England, supported solely by Voluntary Contributions, are not prepared to guarantee.

I had the honor a few days since of submitting these circumstances to the Lord Bishop of London, having been directed by the Committee to ascertain, whether the proper course would be to seek for the Ordination of Mr. Armstrong under the Colonial Act, which empowers the Arch Bishops of Canterbury & York, & the Bishop of London, to ordain for the Colonies, irrespectively of the 33rd Canon: – when his Lordship declined to take any step, till your Lordships' mind on the subject should be known.

With regard to our not having laid the case before your Lordship, previously to the departure of Mr. Armstrong from the West Indies, the Committee trust that your Lordship will attribute the circumstance, certainly not to any want of respect; but solely to its real cause, namely, the embarrassment created in the mind of the Committee by the fact, already stated, of the limitation presented in the Diocese of Jamaica: – and they, therefore, the more anxiously wait for your Lordships' suggestions as to the mode of removing the difficulty, under the apprehension of which the Committee have laboured.

I am especially instructed to add, what cannot, indeed, have escaped your Lordship's view, – that the Committee are strongly pressed at the present time by numbers of zealous persons, desirous that the Members of our Communion should be among the foremost to engage in those Missionary Labours, by which, under the Divine Blessing, it is hoped that the recent measures of

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the Legislature in reference to the West Indies may be greatly aided in being brought to a beneficial result: — nor could the Committee, in the opinion of these numerous & attached Members of our Church, be justified, did they not fully respond to this Christian feeling, and even in some measure anticipate it.

I have the honor to be, My Lord,
with great respect,
Your Lordship's most obedt. Hble Servant,
William Jowett,
Secretary to the Church Missionary Society

Church Missionary House,
London, Sept. 23d. 1833.

Rev. L. Strong

My Dear Sir,

1. Our last Letter to you was under date of July 31/33. Since that date yours of June 29/33 has been delivered to us by Mr. Armstrong, who reached us in good health on the 3d. Inst.

2. The question of Mr. Armstrong's Ordination has been brought under the consideration of the Bishop of London, who does not feel prepared to act until the mind of the Bishop of Barbadoes on the point has been ascertained. We have therefore by direction of the Committee, written to the Bishop of Barbadoes, explaining the circumstances of Mr. Armstrong's situation. Should the Bishop of Barbadoes be disposed to refer the matter to the Bishop of London Mr. A would be presented as a Candidate to the Bishop of London at his Lordship's ensuing Christmas Ordination. In that case, it will be requisite that Mr. Armstrong's Testimonials, for which he wrote to you by the last Packet, should be countersigned by the Bishop of

Barbadoes. Will you therefore have the kindneſs to send them to the Bishop of Barbadoes immediately, with a request that his Lordship would countersign & forward them to this house, to be ready to be used in the event of the way being open for Mr Armstrong's being ordained by the Bishop of London at Christmas next. We trust the Bishop of Barbadoes will not deem this request premature; as unleſs we avail ourselves of the present opportunity to promote the transmiſsion of the Testimonials to him, they could not reach England with his countersignature by Christmas. In the meantime Mr Armstrong will be placed in our Institution at Islington, to pursue there a course of study calculated to prepare him to undergo the requisite examination for Holy Orders.

3. We are glad to learn that the Miſsion at Bartica Point is, through the divine bleſsing, going on favourably. We have not yet had an opportunity of referring to the Committee respecting the Indian Boys under instruction here, but wish them not to be dismiſsed till you hear from us again on the subject, as we think the Committee would prefer to provide from hence the means of continuing them under instruction to their being sent away. The perpetual recurrence to the subject of money in carrying on our operations is not pleasing, but it appears for the present unavoidable. Our solicitude therefore is to select proper objects on which to expend it, and having done so to regulate the expenditure of it with economy. Having done this it is our privilege to refer the event to His disposal whose prerogative it is to conduct all human affairs to that iſsue which is most for His own glory. With a view to the mutual satisfaction both of yourself & the Committee, we request you will have the kindneſs to furnish us with an Estimate of the total expense of the Bartica Point Miſsion for the year 1834, specifying at the same time what proportion

of it you expect to raise in the Colony. The Miſsion is an interesting one; and we do not doubt that the Committee will be disposed to afford it that measure of aid which the claims of other Miſsions and other Stations may permit. We are not willing moreover to relinquish the hope that Government will eventually afford some support to this Miſsion. We did not see Sir B. D'Urban.

4. We are led to suppose in consequence of a statement of Mr Armstrong's that it may be advisable to remove Mr C. Carter from Leguan Island. In that event we are inclined to think that the most advantageous employment of his services will be for him to join Mr Youd at Bartica Point. As a general principle it is very undesirable that one Miſsionary should labour alone, and the experience which Mr Carter has gained by his residence in the Colony for several years will probably render his labours peculiarly useful at Bartica Point.

5. We are thankful that the divine bleſsing continues to rest on your labours: may it be abundantly increased!

We remain,

Dear Sir

Affectionately Yours

D. Coates

Sec. CMS

72 Dec. 3/33. Mr C. Carter

Church Missionary House,
London, December 3. 1833.

Dear Mr Carter,

We were truly concerned to hear of the occasion of your last remove: but it is a clear Christian duty, not to have any fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather to reprove them. May your intercourse with Mr Young have proved beneficial & refreshing to the spirit of both of you! You would have much to mourn over together, and would, perhaps, feel almost tempted to think that you were labouring in vain, & spending your strength for nought & in vain: — but then, to counterbalance these melancholy thoughts, comes every now & then a ray from heaven. Some hopeful conversion, or some hopeful death, tendi to shew us that our work is not in vain in the Lor We sow in tears, but we shall reap in joy; & a sweet foretaste of the joy of reaping-time is sometime thus granted us, partly to humble us for our natural unbelief, & partly to cheer us up, that we may not be weary in well-doing. The patience of Christ, moreover in his dealings with our own souls, is one of our most supporting motives, to teach us to have long-suffering with others. Be of good courage then:—we are looking with much anxiety to the future effects of the great W. Indi Measures, & we feel that their result must very much depend upon Missionary labours, blessed by God. Believe me I remain

Yours very truly, & always glad to hear from you;—

(2.) Wm. Jowett.

Church Missionary House, London

December 3rd 1833.

Dear Mr. Stearn,

The times that you have passed through in Jamaica seem, (marvellous & affecting as they have been,) to be almost as nothing, when compared with the era, which is now dawning upon you. You & all our other Missionary labourers, naturally feel this to be the case: & we, here, have sympathised, & still do most deeply sympathise with you. We feel, indeed, that now, more eminently than ever, the prudent, zealous, & intelligent exertions of pious men & women are specially needed; & our fears yield before those hopes, which are inspired by the promises of God and which may be summed up in that one, very emphatic, expression of Isaiah – that God "will destroy the face of the "covering cast over all people, & the vail that is spread "over all nations." . Your view is a very just one, that your work, thus far, is preparatory: &, possibly, it may for some time continue to be: God only knows the times & the seasons: He has put them "in His own power": but it is a high honour to have His command, Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Let me add, concerning that we hope you will be very particular in all your accounts: do not fear to tire us, as if you had nothing new to say: we in this House do not ask for news; but simply to receive minute accounts of the workings of Nature & Grace in your sphere; — a history, essentially the same in all ages, & in all countries; but we desire to hear it again & again.

Yours affectionately,

(2.) Wm. Jowett.

Church Missionary House,

London, December 3d. 1833.

Dear Mr. Jones,

Although beginnings are generally small & slow, yet it is observed, that if work be well begun, the smaller it is, the better prospect of its growing to a healthy maturity. So may it be with your Mission! You speak of the smallness of the number of your hearers; and you seem to think that we at home shall possibly be discouraged at it: — but it is what we expect at first: & as it is equally easy with God to save by many, or by few, so we assuredly believe that a few genuine converts, a few truly brought to Christ, with hearty repentance & hatred of sin, & a lively faith in his atoning blood, & a real regeneration of heart by his Spirit, even should the evidences of this great work be but faint, — will prove, by wise management, a blessing in the midst of the land where you are labouring. I would suggest, that, for the present, you should limit, not your prayers, hopes, nor yet your efficient labours; but, your plans, & in some sense, your mode of describing them. In your

Journal you sometimes speak of "preaching":–it is the word, that I would recommend you not to use, either writing or in conversing; because some, who may view the Office & the actual Exertions of a Catechist with some jealousy, might catch at that single word, as indicating that he was trespassing beyond his proper sphere. Having said thus much, which I know your good sense will take in its true meaning & intention, let me add, that we rejoice to see your (2.) zeal, & your desires to be fully employed, as possible. May the Spirit of wisdom & love rest abundantly upon you! The highly important changes in the W. India System deeply occupy our thoughts: while it is a time, in which it is most desirable to see all labouring with discretion, it is also a time of the highest hopes for those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity.

I remain, faithfully & affectionately,

Yours, Wm Jowett.

Rev. C R Dallas.

Church Missionary House
Dec. 5th 1833.

My Dear Sir,

The only communications which have reached us from Jamaica since the despatch of our Letter of Aug. 28/33, are–

Your Letters of July 5th & Aug. 5/33.
An Article from the "Watchman" Newspaper.
Mr. W. Stearn's Letter of Oct.–/33.

5/33. Rev. C. [illegible] Dallas

2. Though much pressed for time I must not omit to convey to you the cordial acknowledgements of the Committee for the fullness with which you have communicated to us the views of the Corr.g Comm.ee on the different subjects comprised in your letter above-mentioned. We cannot adequately convey to you the importance to us of an unreserved statement on the state of a Mission from friends on the spot who possess accurate local information on all matters respecting it. We do not reply to it in detail at present, for reasons which I am about to assign.

3. Our friends will naturally suppose, that the Committee here have felt much anxiety to extend the operations of the Society in Jamaica, in consequence of the altered situation in which the servile population will be placed by the Slavery Abolition Act. The subject has therefore undergone very full consideration. The result was, the most complete conviction of the impracticability of the Societys acting with efficiency in the West Indies Dioceses unless some change be made in the existing system with regard to Missionaries & Catechists. With a view to the bringing about of such a change, a Memorial has been addressed to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of London, & the Secretary of State for the Colonies. Of that Memorial a copy is enclosed. The date of its transmission is too recent to admit of our having received a reply from either of the parties to whom it is addressed; but we thought it advisable that you should, without delay, be made acquainted with the step which we have taken and with the contents of the paper itself. The Memorial itself is so full that it is altogether superfluous to add anything on the topics discussed in it.

Rev. C.R. Dallas, Dec. 5/33.
Rev. L. Strong, Dec. 28/33.

Pressure of engagements only allows me time to add our kind regards to all the Members of the Corr. Comm^{ee}, and our earnest prayers to the Great Head of the Church that He may be pleased at the present conjuncture to open a "great & effectual door" to the Society in the West Indies, to the glory of His Name and "the saving health" of that people now about to be released from a state of civil bondage!

I remain,
My dear Sir,

Truly & affectionately Yours,
D. Coates
Sec. CMS.

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Rev. L. Strong.

Church Missionary House,
London, Dec. 28. 1833.

Dear Sir,

1. Our last Letter to you was under date of the 25th of Sept., of which a duplicate is now enclosed. Since the despatch of our last Letter the only communications which have reached us from British Guiana are Mr Carter's Letters of July 3d & Sept. 30th; and a scanty portion of his Journal from June to Sept.

2. No Letter has reached us from the Bishop of Barbadoes in reply to the one which it was stated in my last had been addressed to him relative to the Rev. J. Armstrong's Ordination.

3. On the passing of the Slavery Abolition Act the Committee felt solicitous to employ the agency of the Society, if practicable, on an extended scale in imparting religious instruction to the emancipated population. Difficulties however had arisen in both Dioceses seriously to impede its operations. With a view to the removal of those difficulties, a Memorial was addressed to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of London, and the Secretary of State for the Colonies. A copy of it is enclosed, confidentially, for your information. What the result will be we cannot yet say; but we trust that

through the divine blessing, it may issue in such arrangements as may afford greater facility for acting in this very important and deeply interesting field of Missionary labour. You shall hear more when any thing is finally settled.

4. We still think Berbice Point the post for Mr Carter. The turn which things have taken, relative to Mr Armstrong's ordination, renders it uncertain how long he may be detained in this country; and, as a general principle, it is very undesirable that one Missionary labourer should be left to act alone. The Indian Mission too promises, we think, very favourably. On every view, therefore, that seems to be pointed out as the sphere of Mr Carter's labour. It is intended that Mr Armstrong should go up for Deacon's Orders on Trinity Sunday; but should this arrangement take effect, which is the earliest period that he can be ordained, it would render his detention in this country very protracted.

5. By this ship the "Underwood," Captn Wood we forward our publications to the present date, including some things for you & Messrs Carter & Youd. The Invoice & Bill of Lading are enclosed. We trust that the "hand of our God is upon us for good;" though encountering many difficulties and trials.

May you, my dear Sir, and our friends labouring with you receive out of the exhaustless fulness of the Incarnate Redeemer every blessing for time and eternity!

I remain,

Truly & affectionately Yours,

D. Coates

Sec. C.M.S.

Mr T. Yond, Feb. 1/34

Church Missionary House, London,
February 1st 1834.

Dear Mr Yond,

In your communications just received you say that you will soon write to me; but as I have been much interested in your Journals I will not wait for your letter, but write immediately.

There is a single point, upon which I beg you to let me animadvert very frankly. It refers to a style of phraseology, into which you have fallen, probably from feeling the importance of all Christian labours at your Heathen Station, & forgetting at the same time the customary usages of language in this country. You continually speak of your preaching, and in reference to your Sermon on Dancing, in the composition of which it is manifest you had bestowed much pains, you say that you "feel more than ever that God does direct His Ministers to apply the right medicine". Are you then a Minister? If some one in your defence were to reply, that the term signifies, in its original sense, simply a Servant of God; then it might be answered, we hope that there are many Children ten years old & under, who are Ministers. — But when Ministerial acts, such as preaching a Sermon are referred to, evidently the higher sense of the word is conveyed to the mind. Now I do not mean to de that you — in ~~reference~~ proportion to the Indians — may be as much instructed in the things that pertain to the Kingdom of God, as a Parish Minister with us is, when compared with an ordinary English Congregation. Probably you may be more so. I cannot tell: for, indeed, we have many Heathens in England. But, when you view the subject in reference to the Standing Ministry of the Church of Christ, you cannot fail to perceive that such phraseology is unsuited to a lay-agent. We could not print, or give publicity to it. It would do real harm; friends at home would be apprehensive that our Catechists abroad were getting out of place.

You well remember, no doubt, my saying to you at our parting address, when the Committee took leave of you, that, should circumstances favour, & should you be able sufficiently to prosecute your requisite Studies, & be in other respects suitable for presentation to the Diocesan, the hope might be entertained of your becoming some day an ordained Missionary. Difficulties, which can only be slowly overcome, restricted us from saying more: these difficulties, however, would probably be increased, were it to be spread abroad in the West Indies, that our Catechists preach sermons avowedly as Ministers. By embarassing us, you would only the more embarass your own self. Whereas by following the advice of a good old Divine, "Pitch thy behaviour low," — you would lose nothing, & be in the surest way to gaining — both from God & from man.

You will naturally ask, How far then, in reality, may a Catechist, as such, go? To which I would reply, first in general terms, that it is not the best of questions. However, it deserves also a direct & particular answer, as far as one can at present be given. I should say, then, considering the barbarous & ignorant character of the special objects of your Mission, that your best mode of Instruction would be the careful reading of the Scriptures, with explanatory Remarks, judiciously selected from approved Authors; especially tending all you read, & say, to full views of the exceeding love of God in sending his Son to die for sinners, & in giving his Holy Spirit, even to the rebellious, that the Lord God may dwell among them. I much doubt the propriety or advantage of your attempting Sermons on Topics – like that of Dancing – in which, though you may say some things that are just, & some things that strike for a time, yet a habit is got into, which is very laborious, very confining, & one that requires much judgment & experience. The habit of preaching on topics – (I now speak as a Minister) – is much used in England, & has some advantages peculiar to a state of Society advanced in civilization & cultivation but even here it has too much thrust out Catechetical & Expository Instruction grounded on copious portions of Scripture. This latter, however, appears to me to be the principal method of teaching the Heathen: & it even seems to me that Missionaries & Catechists should regard this as their privelege: for it keeps them, & their hearers constantly close to the Word of God, concerning which we have such a special promise in Isaiah 55; 10,11. — a promise, which evidently applies in a very inferior degree to what man may say upon that Holy Word.

Having expatiated so much at length on this subject, let me once more beg you not to take it amiss. I myself know, by experience, how painful any thing in the shape of a censure is, coming from Head Quarters — especially arriving, as sometimes it may do, at a moment when we are sinking under labours, or trials, or fevers. Take what I say then, as from a brother, who means nothing but kindness; & whose experience may probably have given him the advantage not only of clearer views, but also of tenderer feelings. We are deeply interested in your labours. Recent events have so brought the whole West Indies before us, in our deliberations & our prayers, that we feel a peculiar anxiety that every one may be found, in every best sense, at his post; & we rejoice in your resolution not to suffer even the important question of marriage to move you from your station. May our gracious Father guide you and us, & whomsoever he may see fit to be joined in this Holy Service, so that all may be for the best. We are making the needful enquiries, as you desire we should, concerning the lady in question. Mr. Armstrong

J. Forsyth, Junr. Esq. Feb. 3/34.

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Having gone to this great length, which I cannot do often, I commend you to God, & to the word of his grace; & remain,

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Wm. Jowett.

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b. 1/34. Rev. C.R. Dallas.

Rev C. R. Dallas

Church Missionary House.
London, Feb. 1st 1834.

My Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of my Letter of Dec. 5/33, of which a Duplicate is enclosed, the following communications have reached us from the Mission:

Your Letter of Dec. 29/33,
Rev. J. Manisty's Letter of Dec. 17/33,
Bishop of Barbadoes' Letter, Nov. 22/33,
Rev. L. Strong's Letter, Nov. 2/33,
—— Do. ———— to Sir Benj. D'Urban,
Mr. J. Armstrong's Testimonials by Mr. Strong & others,
Mr. T. Youd's Letters, Sept/33, & Oct. 9/33,
—— Do. —— Journal, June to Sept/33.
—— Do. —— Estimate of Quarterly Expenses.

2. We now enclose a Duplicate (printed) of the Committee's Memorial to the Archbishop of Canterbury, of Nov. 29/33; a copy of His Grace's Reply, dated Dec. 23/33; of the Answer of the Committee, dated Jan. 7/34; of a Memorial to the Bishop of Jamaica, of the same date; and of the Reply of the Archbishop to the Committee's Letter of Jan. 7/34, dated Jan. 2$\overset{4}{7}$/34. All these Papers you will have the kindness to consider as confidential. Their being made public while the important matters to which they refer are in negociation, would both be highly improper in itself, and operate, we apprehend, injuriously to the objects which they have in view. The Archbishop's Letter of Dec. 23/33 was indeed surreptitiously printed in the Record Newspaper, and copied thence into other Journals; but this was not only done without the privity of the Committee but very much to their concern and dissatisfaction. Indeed we have not the remotest idea how or by whose means the Letter found its way in[5] the Record; but it could not have taken place without a serious breach of confidence in some quarter. These Papers are so full that it

will be unnecessary for me to go much at large into their contents. A few remarks on some points may, however, be useful, in order fully to elucidate the whole of the question and the reference which has been made to the Bishop of Jamaica, by the advice of the Archbishop of Canterbury. We trust that being thus fully informed on the subject the Corresponding Committee may be able to do or suggest something in furtherance of the deeply important object under consideration, which they have at heart equally with ourselves. May it please God to open a great and effectual door before the Society freely to impart the rich blessings of the Gospel to the unenlightened Black and Coloured Population! Your Letter and that of Mr. Stainsby, above acknowledged, have deeply interested the Committee, and increased their anxiety to see the discussions now carried on with our Ecclesiastical superiors brought to a prosperous issue. It would indeed be most afflictive when by a series of events so extraordinary and unlooked for all other obstacles are removed, to find the Society stopped short in the prosecution of its benevolent designs on behalf of the Emancipated Slaves by the Ecclesiastical arrangements of our own Church.

3. We are encouraged to hope from that paragraph of the Archbishop's Letter of Jan. the 24th which relates to Ordination, that our difficulty on this head will be surmounted through the Primate's intervention. Should our anticipations be realized a very important point will have been gained. Connecting the intimation in the Primate's Letter with the openings for placing the Society's Missionaries on the Estates of Proprietors made known in your and Mr. Stainsby's Letters, above mentioned, the Committee immediately adopted the Resolutions of which a copy is enclosed. These have not yet been presented to the General Committee for confirmation; but as we have no reason to suppose that confirmation will be withheld, we transmit them by the present Packet, that you may be aware of our disposition to accede to those proposals of Proprietors &c.

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of the aid which we may be able to afford, should the obstacles which have hitherto impeded the operations of the Society in the Diocese be surmounted.

4. The Revd W. N. Betts is already in full Orders, and has been employed with much satisfaction to the Committee as a Missionary in Sierra Leone. He has been prevented from returning thither partly from the state of his health, and partly from other circumstances not at all affecting his Missionary character or efficiency. He will probably sail for Jamaica in the course of a few weeks. Manchester seems to have the preferable claim to his services; but on that point we shall write more fully when he comes out. Salubrity of situation must be particularly considered in fixing his Station.

5. The Revd Messrs Kernan and May are in Deacons' Orders, and will be presented to the Bishop of London for Priests' Orders on Trinity Sunday next. Should the reply of the Bishop of Jamaica to the Committee's Memorial, which may be expected previously to Trinity Sunday, be favourable, they will be ready to proceed to their destination immediately afterwards.

6. It is intended that Mr Dixon should go up for Deacon's Orders on Trinity Sunday. Should the door be open to us in Jamaica it might be advisable that he should come out immediately with a view to admission to Priest's Orders in due season in the Island. Let us know what you think of this.

7. Mr Seddon will come out as a Catechist, but with a view to eventual admission to Holy Orders, should his conduct in the interval sanction such a proceeding.

8. Till however we know the decision of the Bishop of Jamaica respecting Licences our future course is necessarily involved in uncertainty. We therefore cannot but feel much solicitude on this head. You will observe that the Archbishop states that he and the Bishop of London see no reason why a privilege should be claimed for the Society's Missionaries, which is not enjoyed by the Island Clergy; referring we suppose to that part

of the Memorial which relates to Licences, and that such privilege does not appear to them to be necessary to the effective prosecution of the objects which the Society has in view. The topic last referred to is so fully discussed in the Memorial that it would be superfluous to remark on it here, especially as the Archbishop has assigned no reason for the conclusion to which he & the Bishop of London have come. With regard to the reference to the Island Curates we should be glad to know whether in the judgment of the Corr. Comt. they hold their Cures on such terms of security and certainty as to admit of the most beneficial exercise of their ministry? But even should this be found to be the case, with regard to the Island Curates, their situation is so essentially different from that of a Missionary that there is no valid reasoning from the case of the one to the other. We fear from this allusion to the case of Island Curates, that the object is to reduce the Missionary precisely into the same situation as one of those. Should such be the case it would, we apprehend, so impede the freedom of a Missionary's operations, as very much, if not altogether, to destroy his usefulness. We particularly request the mature judgment of the Corresponding Committee on the whole subject of Licenses. It will be important to us to receive your reply on all the topics above referred to as early as practicable — at all events not later than the end of May.

9. The 5th Resolution is explanatory of the views of the Committee with regard to our future course, should we again have free access to the Diocese. Though no engagement can be definitively made till that point is decided, it is desirable that the Corrd. Comte. should ascertain, so far as they conveniently can, to what extent facilities of this kind would be accorded to the Society, should the Committee eventually find themselves in a situation to avail themselves of them.

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10. With regard to par. 5 of your Letter of the 21st Dec., we beg to state that the terms of Mr. Wilkinson's agreement with the

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Committee, relative to employment of the Society's Catechists on his Properties, were "that he should provide a house for the Catechist and provision him off the Estate". It was assumed that the advantages thus afforded by Mr. Wildman in kind, were equal, in value, to the moiety of the expense of maintaining a Catechist in such a situation. The question therefore between the Cor. Commee. and Mr. Wildman's Attorney is one of account. If Mr. Wildman has in point of fact provided a house and provisioned a Missionary off the Estate, it is clear, by the terms of the agreement, that he is not liable to be called upon for any money payment. If on the the other hand what Mr. Wildman engaged to provide in kind has not been supplied, he is liable to be called upon for a money-payment equal in amount to what may have been deficient in the stipulated supply in kind. It was calculated, at the time, that a salary of £60 or £70 per annum currency, from the Society, in addition to the abovementioned provisions in kind to be supplied by Mr. Wildman, would suffice for the maintenance of a Married Catechist.

11. The Committee fully approve of the arrangement made relative to Mr. Wm. Forbes. We earnestly hope that he may evince that steadiness, consistency, & solid piety which may warrant his being eventually received into permanent connexion with the Society.

12. Have the kindness to thank Mr. Mainsty for his Letter acknowledged above. The aspect of the correspondence transcribed in it, is certainly unfavourable; but we are willing to hope that the Archbishop of Canterbury's intended communication to the Bishop of Jamaica will be of such a nature as to induce his Lordship hereafter to pursue such a course as may afford the requisite facilities for the prosecution of the Society's objects within his Diocese.

13. If we do not at present particularly notice the suggestions which you have had the kindness to offer with a view to the furtherance of the Society's objects in Jamaica, it is only because they could not be advantageously discussed till the questions of principles now at issue between the Committee and the Ecclesiastical Authorities

are adjusted.

14. We cannot close this Letter without making our cordial acknowledgements for the fulness and unreservedness of your recent communications. It is very important to us at the present crisis to be made thoroughly acquainted with the views of friends in whose information, judgment, and earnest desire to promote the spiritual improvement of the Servile population the Comm. have such entire confidence. Pray continue to write fully.

We remain,
Dear Sir,
Very truly yours,

D. Coates

Church Missionary House
London, Feb. 8. 1836.

Rev. C. R. Dallas

Dear Sir,

1. The detention of the "Wilton Castle" enables me to forward by that Ship a duplicate of our Packet Letter of the 6th Inst., of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Letter of Jan. 26/36, and of the Minute of the Committee of Jan. 28/36.

2. I enclose a Letter from the Rev. W. Jowett to Mr. Stearn.

3. I avail myself of the present opportunity to state, which I inadvertently omitted in my Letter of the 6th, that it was the intention of the Archbishop of Canterbury to communicate to the Bishops of Jamaica and Barbadoes a copy of the Committee's Memorial to His Grace, Nov. 29/32, and of his Reply to it. I thought it desirable that you should be aware of this, that the Corr. Committee may, should occasion require, shape their own course accordingly.

I remain,
Dear Sir,
Very truly Yours,

D. Coates

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Private:

P.S. I should be glad to know, confidentially, whether you and our other friends think it would be advisable that the Rev. J. M. Trew should return to Jamaica in connexion with the Society, in case we could engage him to do so. I should state, to assist your decision, that Mr. T's health is not good. It is probable therefore that if he were in Jamaica he would not be able to bear an entire Low-Land residence. This circumstance might so impede his operations, as to render an engagement with him questionable; even supposing all other circumstances favourable.

D. C.

Revd. C. R. Dallas.

Church Missionary House,
London, Feb. 11. 1834.

Dear Sir,

1. I avail myself of the opportunity of Mr. Daughtry's coming out to Jamaica to forward a Duplicate of my Letter of the 8th Inst. by the "Wilton Castle", and to inform you that the Resolutions of the Committee of Correspondence of the 28th ult. were duly confirmed by the General Committee at their Meeting yesterday.

2. Mr. Daughtry comes out as one of the Stipendiary Magistrates under the Slavery Abolition Act. He is a man of decided & established religious character, and will be found zealous, we doubt not, to promote, so far as circumstances may permit, every good work. Possibly his official situation may preclude him from taking an ostensible part in promoting the Society's objects. Of that, however, he will be better able to judge after he has fully ascertained the duties & bearing of his important office. We shall feel obliged to you and our other friends for aiding Mr. D. with any counsel or information which he may require in settling himself on the Island and entering

upon and presenting the object in which he is about to engage.

I remain,
Dear Sir,
Truly & affectionately Yours
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

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Instructions of the Committee to the Rev. W. K. Betts and Mrs. Betts, proceeding to Jamaica. Delivered April 1st. 1834.

Dearly Beloved in the Lord,

Assembled as we now are, the last time previously to your departure to the West Indies, the Committee would, before delivering their Instructions, entreat you to join with them and our surrounding friends in lifting up your thoughts to that gracious Master, who has promised His presence, wheresoever two or three are met together in His name. May He fill our hearts with that sacred presence! May the enemy of our souls find no place here! May Mercy and Truth look down from Heaven upon our sinful race! And, may we all stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the Gospel!

The Committee in addressing you on occasion of your departure for Jamaica, bear in mind that you also have been, for nearly six years, faithfully labouring in the Missionary service. Your residence at Sierra Leone, while it has been severely trying to the health of both of you, has nevertheless been the means of furnishing you with much experience: and this, it is hoped, will be for your advantage both in your spiritual labours, and in the future care of your health.

As you, Mr. Betts, are the first Ordained Missionary sent out by this Society to the West Indies, and as the circumstances in which the Society is placed are, at present, somewhat peculiar and difficult, it is requisite to advert, very briefly, to the line of conduct to which it will be for the advantage of the Mission, and your own comfort, that you should strictly adhere.

You will, on your arrival in Jamaica, in the first instance, place yourself under the guidance of the Corresponding Committee, whom you will first apprized of the state of your health, and who will consequently be influenced by that circumstance in the assignment of your Station.

Upon all questions connected with Ecclesiastical Authority, it will relieve you of an arduous responsibility, to know, that it is the express wish of the Committee, that you should take no step, but what is directed or sanctioned by the Corresponding Committee in Jamaica.

In reference also to your Communications with the Parent Committee, you are desired to send all your Journals and Letters through the hands of the Secretary to the Corresponding Committee; so that they may have the advantage of knowing all the particulars of your state and proceedings. At the same time, if any matters so requiring should arise, you are at perfect liberty to address Letters of a Private and Confidential nature to them direct.

The sphere of your labours will probably be qualified in some measure by the terms of the Bishop's Licence. The work of fully proclaiming the Gospel, and administering its Ordinances, will be your first great aim. To touch the consciences, to inform the minds, to guide the judgments, and to superintend the conduct of those who shall be within your reach, is the design of your sacred Office; and the Committee doubt not but that God will in due season raise up among the emancipated Coloured population as many genuine converts, men adorning the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things, as are to be found in any of the most highly favoured Christian lands. It is by preaching among them the unsearchable riches of Christ, that you may expect to have your measure of reward, in seeing such a population (they, how unlike their fathers, whom we enslaved, degraded, and almost consigned to hopeless ignorance) such a population springing up in the West Indies, as may draw forth from us and from our Children the very words of Scripture - "Ye are a chosen "generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; "that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you "out of darkness into His marvellous light: Which in time past were "not a people; but now are the people of God: which had not "obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy."

To this end the Committee consider it, further, a necessary measure that you should make yourself the centre and head-quarters of a series of Catechist Stations. For the perpetual and vigorous maintenance of piety, and for the never-ceasing work of keeping down all ungodliness, it is essential, even in Countries where Christianity is fully established, that the aid of the laity should be wisely and effectually directed in following up the instructions of the spiritual Pastors of the Church: while in the education of the young, sometimes by superior Schools, or at an earlier stage by Infant Schools, it is plain that help must come, almost exclusively from the laity. But if this employment of the laity be a method needed, even in Countries where Christianity is of long standing, how much more requisite is it, that in lands purely heathen, or no better, an Ordained Missionary should desire to have the number of such helpers multiplied - whether by Catechists and Schoolmasters raised up on the spot, or received from home. The district, however, which you may thus be enabled to form, supplied by able Catechetical Teachers and Schoolmasters, ought not to be larger than what you can efficiently and consistently with regard to health, superintend. The wants of the population, will indeed, soon appear to you to be immense: but your discretion will be exercised in measuring not merely what is wanting to be done, but likewise, what you really can do. A small sphere of this kind, well-cultivated, will be a model to others.

We commend you affectionately, dear Brother & Sister, to the guidance and blessing of the Great Head of the Church, who both in Western Africa, where you have hitherto laboured, and in the West Indies, whither you now go to labour, will assuredly gather to Himself a people for His praise here on earth, and to swell the chorus of the Redeemed in the general Assembly that will be found at the last day on His right hand. May you in that day have many proofs among that number, that you have not run in vain, nor laboured in vain.

In conclusion, the Committee would freely & affectionately speak to you on the nature of that unity of the spirit which, they trust, subsists between you and them, and which is derived from a sacred source far above us all, but yet within the reach of every soul that seeks to attain it by faith: namely, the grace of Christ, the unction from the Holy One. It is from this spring alone that we expect to draw any holy desires, any good counsels, any just works. Without supplies from this fountain, nothing in our sacred labours would be strong, nothing holy: without this, all our efforts would be but so much lost labour, all to end in vanity & vexation of spirit. But this, dear Brethren, is our joy and our hope in sending you forth, that your hearts are likeminded with ours, and ours with yours, upon this vital subject. Much care is indeed requisite in our Society's affairs, and much labour of body & mind are devoted to the conducting of all our various measures, relative to finance, equipment, journeyings by land & by sea, assignment of Stations, education, translating, printing, and all those important details, which, that they may be effectual, need to be done in the best manner possible: and the Committee are fully persuaded, after long experience, that none will, in general, attend to those secular matters with so much zeal, economy and fidelity as those who are prompted by religious aims, and who are held to their work by deeply conscientious motives. But still, it is the hidden man of the heart" that most of all needs constant watching, constant watching and training, constant bringing up to the just standard, "the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." This, dear friends, we repeat it, this is our joy & our hope concerning you all, that you will not be found wanting in the greatest and most necessary of all duties, inward communion with God through Christ; that thus we may expect the influences of the blessed Spirit to be continually descending upon you and upon your labours, which are so dear to us   at home, and the constant subject of our thoughts, our deliberations, and our prayers.

And what a consolation is it to reflect, that while we are thus absent far away in body, yet present with you in spirit, Christ Himself is every moment fulfilling His parting promise to His Church, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." He is constantly pardoning our sins, bearing with our infirmities, and perfecting His strength in our weakness. The weakness & the infirmities of the body are but a small matter in the view of the experienced Believer, as he advances, wearing out in his Master's service: these trouble him, or weigh but lightly on him, but little, compared with the view he gradually obtains of the extreme (remaining corruption of his natural heart; and the consequent infirmity and imperfection of his very best services. But here is our unfailing consolation, that the work in which we are engaged is far more Christ's than ours: while He deigns to employ us as instruments, the success is His own gift, and far exceeds the measure both of our labours and our hopes. Let us pray then, more and more, that we may be enlarged in our spirit, that our faith may be increased, and that Christ may be glorified. Thus looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, we shall never be confounded; but shall find perfect peace in the assurance that of Him, and through Him, and to Him are all things. To this adorable Redeemer be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

By Order of the Committee,

Church Missionary House,
Salisbury Square,

Secy. C.M.S.

Rev. C. R. Dallas

Church Missionary House,
London, April 11. 1834.

Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of my Letter of Feb: 1/34, of which a Duplicate is enclosed, we have received yours of the 8th of that month, and also the Report of the Corr. Comee. for 1833. I also enclose a Duplicate of my Letter to Mr. Forsyth, of Feb. 3/34.

2. This Letter will I trust introduce to you the Rev. William K. Betts and Mrs. Betts, whose arrival you were prepared to expect by my Letter of the 4th of Feb, par: 4. A copy of the Instructions of the Committee to Mr. Betts is enclosed. These will inform you generally of the views of the Committee with regard to the course of Mr. Betts' proceedings. The now slave, but speedily to be enfranchised, population are to be considered as the special objects of Mr. Betts' ministerial care and labours, and it is conceived that this object will, through the divine blessing, be most successfully obtained by selecting a Station for him, which may conveniently become the centre and head-quarters of a series of Catechists' Stations to be placed under his immediate superintendence and direction. In carrying this plan into effect two points are to be regarded:- 1. A sphere wherein Mr. Bs. own labours may be most conveniently and advantageously brought to bear on the Slave population as possible; and 2. From whence he may be able with the least expenditure of time and physical powers to visit and look after the Catechist Stations connected with him. In arranging both objects the Corr. Comt. will have the kindness to bear in mind

that Mr Betts is far from being in robust health, and on no account to lay more upon him either in ministerial or superintendency duties than he can efficiently discharge without being over burdened.

3. The Corresponding Committee are also reminded that the Society is now about to enter on a new course of action in the Island, and that while carrying into effect the above mentioned arrangement relative to Mr Betts, it will be requisite to take up the subject comprehensively and form their plans with a view to a considerable extension of the Society's operations in the Island, should existing obstacles be removed. The general principle should be, we think, that which is proposed above with regard to Mr Betts; viz. to make each Ordained Missionary the centre of a well selected and compact series of Catechist stations. It will also be desirable, so far as circumstances will permit, that these Missionary Districts should be so situated as to admit of two, three or four Ordained Missionaries holding intercourse with each other without material inconvenience. It might be advantageous in many respects that they were so located as to admit also of their assembling together at least once a Quarter for the purpose of conference and christian communion.

4. It will be requisite that you should report Mr Betts' arrival to the Bishop and request his Lordship to grant him a License. As the Corr. Comm^ee have in their hands a copy of the Memorial of the Parent Committee to the Bishop of Jamaica of Jan. 7/34 they will be aware of the views of the Parent Committee as to the tenor of the License which they deem it essential to the complete efficiency of the Missionary that he should receive, and address the Bishop accordingly.

5. We are much concerned at the additional evidence contained in your Letter of the 8th of Feb. of the obstacles which at present impede the operations of the Society in Jamaica. The introduction into the Island of the [illegible]

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the use which has been made of its enactments, renders our course still more difficult than before. How this new impediment is to be removed, I know not. The Committee will probably wait to learn the result of their Memorial to the Bishop of the 7th of Jan. before they take any new steps in the buſineſs.

6. The following Bill on account of the Miſsion has reached us since those particularized in our Letter to Mr. Forsyth of Feb. 3/34, par. 25.

Jan. 24/34. J. Forsyth, Esq. £250.

7. We shall not lose sight of your suggestion concerning the appointment of Treasury Curates, but I am very far from being sanguine of the result.

8. The £15 shall be paid to the Tract Society as you request. We will also endeavour to arrange with them as to sending out others to Jamaica, as you suggest; but have not yet been able to do so.

Excuse my concluding abruptly, and
Believe me to remain,
Very truly yours,
D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

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Church Miſsionary House, London,
March 12th 1834.

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge your Lordship's letter of the 22nd of November last; which was duly laid before our Committee; but as the question to which it referred had taken a more extended

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from, as your Lordship will have been duly apprized through the intervention of His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Committee regarded it as sufficient for the present simply to acknowledge your Lordship's letter.

I have the honor to be, My Lord

Your Lordship's most obedt. Servt.

William Jowett.

To The Right Reverend
The Lord Bishop of Barbadoes.

Church Missionary House
June 28th 1834.

Dear Mr. Yond.

1. I am afraid you will have thought us slow in replying to your letter of September last on the subject of marriage. The truth is that in the present extended state of the Society's operations with numerous matters of importance demanding the attention of the Committee, some delay is unavoidable in obtaining their decision on particular points. In such a case as the present that delay is increased by the necessity of referring to other parties & taking the judgment of the Committee on their replies when received. I can assure you, however, that the Committee gave your application relative to Miss Davies the kindest and earliest consideration that circumstances permitted. I am glad to inform you that the inquiries instituted having proved satisfactory, they have sanctioned your entering into the marriage relation with Miss Davies, and her coming out to you of [illegible]

accept your offer, by the first eligible opportunity. We shall, of course, provide for Miss D. the requisite outfit for the voyage.

2. We are thankful to learn that you have been so far preserved in much health & have been enabled to pursue your labours with cheerful diligence. May you be ever kept walking with God and find His abundant blessing in your own soul, and in the souls of the wretched people among whom you dwell!

I remain
Very truly Yours

D. Coates
Sec. C.M.S.

Rev. L. Strong

Church Missionary House,
London, June 28. 1834

My Dear Sir,

1. Since the despatch of my Letter of Dec 28/33 we have received yours of Nov. 2/33, March 6/34, one without date by Mr. Pollard, with a copy of the Rev J. M. Dale's Letter to you of Jan. 6/34 and your reply of the 8th of that month.

2. In pa. 2 of my last Letter, I stated that the Committee had memorialized the Archbishop of Canterbury relative to the Society's proceedings in the West Indies. The Archbishop's reply to that Memorial having by some means — how or by whom we are utterly ignorant — got before the public you have probably seen it. His Grace having therein recommended the Committee to address a Memorial to the West Indies Bishops, they did so. This Memorial was in substance the same as that previously sent to the Archbishop, but [illegible] more fully stretched

the Bishop of Barbadoes before he left the West Indies, but he did not reply to it till after his arrival in London. This reply, we regret to say, was very unsatisfactory. A copy of it dated May 20/36 is enclosed (No. 8). Also, to render it more intelligible, we enclose a copy of a Letter previously received from the Bishop, relative to Mr. Armstrong's Ordination, dated Bishop's Court, Nov. 27/35 (No. 9). I also enclose a copy of a Minute and Resolution of the Committee under date of May 27/36 (No. 10). We farther enclose the Resolution of the Committee on the Bishop's reply to the Memorial, June 6/36 (No. 11), a farther Minute & Resolution of the Committee in reference to Mr. Armstrong's Ordination, June 17/36 (No. 12) with the Bishop's reply of the 23rd Inst (No. 13). You will thus be put fully in possession of the views of the Committee on the important subject of these communications. We sincerely rejoice that there is a prospect of Mr. Armstrong's obtaining admission to Holy Orders with a view to the Indians though we fear the door is nearly closed to the Society among the Slaves.

3. Mr. Armstrong's Papers will be before the Bishop today. Should his Lordship ordain Mr. A., the refusal to do which we do not anticipate, it will probably take place immediately. In that event it is not unlikely that Mr. Armstrong may return to Demerara very soon afterwards, taking Priests' Orders at a future period in the Diocese. Of this, however, we will advise you as soon as the matter is determined.

4. The Committee approve of your reply to Mr. Dale, respecting Mr. C. Carter. Your communications convey to us the first and only information we have in reference to Mr. C's. Ordination. If such an important step should at any time appear calculated under the divine Blessing to promote the furtherance of the Gospel it should certainly either originate with the Committee or receive their sanction previously to any communication to the Bishop on the subject, since it would so materially change his relation to the Society.

5. We still incline to the opinion that Mr. Carter's remove to Bartica Point, or participation in the Mission to the Indians

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at some other post, will eventually be desirable. The decision may however stand over till the course of the Committee is made more plain.

6. The Committee of the "Ladies Negro Education Society" have communicated to us Mrs Strong's Letter to Miss Maitland, expressive of your want of a Schoolmaster for your parish. Our Committee have also before them your expressed wish to receive from them a Clerical coadjutor to share in your onerous pastoral duties. These are both objects which they would be glad to provide for had facilities of operation which they have sought for been conceded. As matters stand I very much doubt whether it will be practicable for them to do so. Previously to our being put into possession of Mrs Strong's Letter abovementioned the Committee had promised Mr Armstrong that the Young Man (Pollitt) to whom Mrs S. refers should go out with him as a Catechist, if they succeeded in obtaining Mr A's admission to Holy Orders.

7. Should Mr Armstrong return in Holy Orders it is the present view of the Committee that he should settle among the Macusie Indians up the Essequibo River.

8. We fear that there is little immediate prospect of the Government's affording any pecuniary aid to the Mission to the Indians. We shall not however lose sight of their obligation to do so should we be able to establish a Mission permanently.

9. We have seen Mr Pollard, and received from him much valuable information relative to various matters connected with the Society's proceedings in British Guiana. He appears to be a sensible and devoted Christian man.

10. You will perceive by the enclosed Letter to Mr Youd that the Committee have consented to his forming a matrimonial engagement with Miss Davies, an Individual with whom he has long been acquainted.

11. By this ship the   Capt.   we forward our publications to the present date. A copy of the Rev. S. Gobat's Journal accompanies them, of which the Committee requests your acceptance. It is a singularly interesting Document and very strikingly illustrates the true principle of Missionary operation.

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12. This shipment was made in so much of a hurry that we were not able to attend to your request relative to Mr. Ould's Hymn Book. I think the better way will be to send you out fifty copies on the best terms we can: the amount you can pay to the Mission account.

13. Till we see our way more clearly, the establishment at Barlow Point should not be enlarged so as to involve any increase of expense. It is desirable, however, that it should be efficiently kept up to that point.

14. In conclusion we cordially rejoice with you, my dear Sir, in the blessing which the God of all grace bestows on your labours among the poor Negroes. May you be strengthened in soul and body to continue those labours and find His enriching blessing increased a hundred fold!

I remain,

My dear Sir,

Truly & Affectionately Yours,

D. Coates.

Sec. CMS

Church Missionary House, London

June 30th 1834.

Dear Brother Betts,

Though we have not as yet heard of your arrival in Jamaica, yet we so naturally reckon upon it, humbly trusting in God's good provi & I know so well that early communications are acceptable, that I just write a few lines. From the short conversation we had at parting, you would see that we are not expecting from an invalid, & that under circumstances possibly restricted, the same extent of exertion & usefulness that we might f one moving freely in a large sphere. But as

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well persuaded that you will seek help from above, to enable you to labour to your power; believing that Christ is able & willing to supply all your & our imperfections & difficulties with His superabounding grace. We look, also, to your past experience, and acquaintance both with Society in general, & with the dispositions of Human Nature in particular, as being likely to bear you free from perplexity, & especially to secure you from committing yourself or the Society under circumstances so peculiar as the present. In our Corresponding Committee you will I am sure have found & made friends; for they are friends of our common Master. — Let me be kindly remembered to Mrs. Betts; we shall be truly glad to hear as soon as may be of the health of both of you, & your entrance on your work. The Lord be with you, & prosper you!

Yours affectionately, Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House, London,
July 1st 1834.

Dear Mr Carter,

The time is drawing near, when so great a change is about to take place in all those regions, where Slavery has hitherto existed under British sway, that it is impossible not to feel anxious on the subject. The degree in which it will affect different places, may vary; but it

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must greatly affect all:— for it a loud & wi
extending proclamation of that blessing, to which a
men naturally aspire. Naturally, I say; but h
how few aspire to that which best deserves the nam
the liberty wherewith Christ maketh us free! Yo
work, whatever outward advantages it may gain,
be as hard as ever, to persuade men to break o
their sins, humbly to seek pardon through Chr
& to serve Him in true holiness & righteousness a
the days of their life. For all outward advanta
however, let us be duly thankful: but let those w
are spiritually-minded, never rest here: let us see
Him, with whom is the residue of the Spirit, with
whom we can do nothing, but through whom we m
be enabled to do great things! We cannot but hop
believe that brighter days are coming; & we desire t
some other beloved labourers may be found all at your p
ready to receive & to impart the blessings which God delig
to bestow on you, & ~~by~~ others you. (S.) I remain, affectiona

Wm Jowett.

Church Missionary House, Lond

July 1st 1834.

Dear Mr Stearn,

We are drawing nearer & nearer to a
time of the deepest interest to all those region
British sway, where, till now, Slavery has exist
where, henceforth, it is ordained that Slavery sha

John M. W. Stearn

exist no longer. If Sin, & the Slavery of Satan could be as easily abolished, — if it took only fifty years' hard debate to emancipate men's souls from that far more fearful bondage, we might justly think our future labours very easy, & our reward to be soon won. But this evil, the corruption of man's nature, is not to be so soon conquered. It will require unceasing, & very wise exertions on the part of Missionary labourers; otherwise, enmity to God, & hardheartedness towards man, will only seek out some other form, & eventually prevail in defacing God's empire, & increasing the number of Satan's subjects, as much as ever; if not more so. However, blessed be God for every augmentation of our facilities; & let us look warily to the use we make of them. It is the pure doctrine of the Gospel, repentance toward God, & faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ, with all it's humbling & sanctifying influences, that can alone do any thing for man, worth mentioning. Hold fast, dear brother, to this: &, I doubt not, you shall see that, what was begun in weakness, shall be perfected in power; through the grace of Him, to whom all power is given in Heaven & in Earth.

With Christian regards to Mrs. Stearn, believe me,
Yours affectionately,
Wm. Jowett.

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Rt. Rev. Bishop of Barbadoes

Church Missionary House,
June 27th 1834.

My Lord,

I beg to inclose the Letters Testim
and other Papers of Mr. John Armstrong, as a
Candidate for admission to the Holy Order of Dea
by your Lordship.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's obedt. & humble Servt.
William Jowett.
Sec. C. M. S.

Rt. Rev. Bp. Barbadoes

Church Missionary House,
July 8th 1834.

My Lord,

I am directed to forward to your Lordship the inclosed Minute of the Committee of the Church Missionary Society, of this day's date, resulting from the communication of your Lordship to Mr. Armstrong, relative to his Letters Testimonial.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's obedt. & humble Servt.
William Jowett

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Church Missionary House
26 July 1834.

My Lord,

The following Memoranda having been prepared by direction of the Committee of the Church Missionary Society, with reference to certain parts of the conversation which took place at the Colonial Office on the 22 Instant, between your Lordship, the Rt. Hon. T. S. Rice, the Colonial Secretary, and the Deputation from the Church Missionary, and the Committee being anxious that it should correctly represent what took place, I am directed to submit the Paper to your Lordship's perusal with a view to ascertain your Lordship's judgement of its accuracy, or correction of it if it should appear to your Lordship inaccurate.

I am also further directed to state that the Committee being extremely solicitous to ascertain distinctly your Lordship's views on the principal points affecting the Society's proceedings in your Lordship's Diocese, referred to in the enclosed Memoranda, have reduced those points to the form of questions, and very respectfully request your Lordship will have the goodness to favor them with your reply to the same.

Under what circumstances the Bishop of Barbadoes is willing that the Bishop of London should ordain the Candidates proposed to him by the Church Missionary Society?

What is the local extent within which a Missionary would be permitted to act under the License of the Bishop?

Whether the License so granted by the Bishop to the Missionary is to be considered as revocable at pleasure?

Whether the Bishop would be willing in any case to require a distinction between a Missionary to the heathen part of the population, and the Parochial clergy?

I have the honor to be
Your Lordships
Most obedient Servant

Secretary C M S

The Deputation to the Rt. Hon: T. S. Rice, in reference to the Society's proceedings in Jamaica (p. 422) waited on him by appointment at the Colonial Office on the 22nd Inst. The memorial addressed to the Rt. Hon: E. G. S. Stanley (p 230), not having yet been replied to, was also brought under Mr. Rice's notice. The members of the Deputation who attended were Sir R. H. Inglis; T. F. Buxton Esqre; Jn. Plumptre Esqre & the Lay Secy. The Bishop of Barbadoes & Z. Macaulay Esqre were also present. Mr. Rice was accompanied by J. Lefevre Esqre. One of the Under Secretaries

Mr. Buxton introduced the business by referring to the proceedings with reference to the Society's Schools in Antigua, and the continual breaking up of those Schools in consequence of the system under which they were placed in 1826. Mr. Buxton also referred to the obstacles which impeded the operations of the

Society in reference to Ordination, Licenses & Buildings for Public Worship

Mr. Rice referred to Mr. Buxton's Notice of a motion for an address to the King on which he commented, & objected to it as calling upon the House of Commons to affirm what had not been proved to exist

Mr. Buxton then read the Address which he intended to move, to which Mr. Rice urged the same objection that he had made to the Notice of Motion.

The Bishop of Barbadoes then replied at considerable length to Mr. Buxton's remarks, animadverted on the statements affecting himself, contained in the Committee's Memorial to the Archbishop of Canterbury & read various Documents in his own vindication & to show the existing state of education in Connexion with the Church of England in Antigua. From one of these Documents it appeared the Schools in Antigua connected with the Church contained in April last, 2017 Scholars, including some in Infant Schools.

The Lay Secretary, in making some remarks in reply to what had fallen from the Bishop disclaimed, on the part of the Committee, any connexion with Mr. Buxton's motion for an address to the King.

An extended conversation ensued, the interview occupying altogether three hours, during which most of the topics comprized in the Committee's Memorials were brought forward & discussed.

In the course of the Conversation it appeared that there are six parishes in the Island of Antigua; six Churches, four Chapels of Ease, & two other Buildings, making in all twelve places of Public Worship, connected with the Church; 5050 persons who attend Public Worship, & an average attendance on the same of 3670; and 90 Communicants.

The Bishop stated in reference to Catechists' Licenses, that the Rector of a Parish nominates the Catechist to him, & that the License was granted on such nomination.

The Bishop admitted that there was a distinction between British Guiana & the other parts of the Diocese with regard to Missionary operations.

The Bishop had been with the Archbishop of Canterbury that morning and learned that His Grace has received the Bishop of Jamaica's Reply to the Committee's Memorials, and that it would be forwarded to the Committee immediately.

The Bishop was understood to maintain the necessity of requiring Licenses for Catechists & Schoolmasters, who may be employed in the Diocese, agreeably to the Canons in reference to Catechists & Schoolmasters: and to require that a reference should be made to him respecting each Individual in this Country whom the Committee might wish to employ as an Ordained Missionary in the Barbadoes Diocese, previously to his being proposed to the Bishop of London as a Candidate for Holy Orders with a view thereto: that the place where the Missionary was to act would be fixed by the Bishop, & the extent of the District within which he should act must be decided by the Bishop: and that the Licence so granted would be summarily revocable.

At the close of the interview Mr. Rice was reminded that the present conversation had led to no result, & that no reply had been given to the Committee's Memorial to Mr. Stanley of Nov 29/33, & Mr Rice admitted the first, and said he would give attention to the Memorial which he was not aware had not been replied to.

☞ Those passages of the above Mem. which are marked with Red Ink were not sent to the Bishop.

Rt. Rev. Bp. Barbadoes

Church Missionary House,

August 1st. 1834.

My Lord,

At the Committee of the Church Missionary Society this morning your Lordship's communication of yesterday's date was read; when the Committee directed me to express the pleasure they would have in being honoured by your Lordship's attending at a Special Meeting: — which will be summoned immediately for Monday next, at twelve o'clock precisel if that day & hour should be convenient to your Lordship.

Dr. Dealtry, who was in the Chair, requested me to state to your Lordship that Archdeacon Parry had stated to him his readiness to come up to Town, expressly to meet our Committee, if requisite: but under the circumstances of the case it is left to your Lordship's pleasure to arrange concerning the Archdeacon's coming, or not.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's faithful hum
William Jowett.

P.S. The honor of an early reply is requested of your Lordship.

Rt. Rev. Bp. Barbadoes

Church Missionary House, Lond
August 6th 1834.

My Lord,

I have the honor to inclose Copy of a Minute of the Committee of the Church Missy. Society, dated the 4th Instant, with accompanying set of Questions, which the Committee thought it wo be proper & agreeable for your Lordship to se

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previously to the proposed Meeting on the 15th Inst.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's obedt. & faithful servt.
William Jowett.

To the Right Reverend
the Lord Bishop of Barbadoes.

Memorandum, August 6. 1836.

For the conveniency of the Bishop of Barbadoes, on occasion of his Lordship's attendance at the Special Meeting of the Committee on the 15th Inst., it has been deemed advisable by them to frame a set of questions directed to bring under review the principal points involved in the discussions between the Bishop and the Committee, and that they should be communicated to his Lordship previously to the day of Meeting. The questions are the following, the first four being those contained in the Lay Secretary's Letter to the Bishop of the 26th ultimo.

1. Under what circumstances the Bishop of Barbadoes is willing that the Bishop of London should ordain the Candidates proposed to him by the Church Missionary Society?
2. What is the local extent within which a Missionary would be permitted to act under the licence of the Bishop?
3. Whether the Licence so granted by the Bishop to the Missionary is to be considered as revocable at pleasure?
4. Whether the Bishop would be willing in any case to recognize a distinction between a Missionary to the Heathen part of the population, and the Parochial Clergy?
5. Whether the Missionary of the Society in the Barbadoes Diocese will be exempt from all ecclesiastical authority except that of the Ordinary?
6. Whether a Missionary of the Society will be permitted

to exercise his ministry and other ecclesiastical functions in all places within the sphere assigned to him by the Bishop's Licence?

7. Whether the Committee will be required to assign any specific income to a Missionary employed in the Barbadoes' Diocese?

8. Whether the Bishop would require a Title from the Society's Candidates presented within the Diocese to his Lordship for ordination?

Rev C. R. Dallas

Church Missionary House
Aug. 8 - 1836

My Dear Sir,

1 Our last Letter to you was dated April 11th. We have received your Letters of Apr. 27th, May 31st & June 30th, with their respective enclosures.

2. Most grateful do we feel to you & the Corr. Comee. for the manner in which you have conducted your part of the important discussions now in progress between the Society & the Bishop of Jamaica, and for the fulness with which you have communicated your proceedings to us. May you & we be guided throughout by the wisdom which is from above, that these important discussions may be brought to that issue which is most for the glory of God and the good of His Church!

3. The state of the question as brought before us in your Letter of the 30th of June & its Inclosures, is extremely painful, how the difficulties are to be surmounted we know not. Our discussions with the Bishop of Barbadoes, who is here, are not yet brought to a close. I fear that there is little probability of such arrangements being conceded to us in either Diocese as would, I conceive, be requisite to enable the Society to act with efficiency. The subject as you may suppose engages much of the time & attention of the Committee. We will not fail to apprise you as soon as any thing is settled. In the mean time I enclose a copy of the Bishop of Jamaica's Reply to our Memorial, under date of May 16th/36. You who are [illegible] will perhaps be better able to interpret it than we are. [illegible] to the receipt of your last Letter we had indulged the [illegible]

it would have been practicable for us to act under it.

3. There are several points in the Letter before me on which I wish to address you, but find myself so circumstanced as to be compelled to postpone doing so for the present. I must, however, express our cordial satisfaction at the truly christian spirit manifested by Mr. Betts under his present painful circumstances. His Letter of June /34, reached us at the same time with your last.

4. I regret to find that I have omitted to apprise you earlier of the following circumstance. The Rev. J. Hanna having applied to the "Ladies Negro Education Society" for assistance to build a Room for keeping a Sunday School. Miss Lloyd, the Secy. of that Institution, handed Mr. H's. Letter to us and our Committee agreed to grant £100 sterling in aid of the object. I request, therefore, that the Corr. Com. will pay the above sum to Mr. Hanna debiting us with the amount.

I remain

My dear Sir,

Truly yours

D. Coates

Sec. CMS.

Church Missionary House

Augt. 7. 1834.

Rev. L. Strong

My Dear Sir,—

1. No communication from Demerara has reached us since the despatch of our Letter of June 28/34; a Duplicate of that Letter is enclosed, & one to Mr. Yound of the same date; likewise a Letter from Mr. Jowett to Mr. Carter.

2. I regret to say that we have not been able to prevail on the Bishop of Barbadoes to receive Mr. Armstrong as a Candidate for Deacon's Orders on such Testimonials as we

can supply in this country. He requires a further Testimonial signed by three Beneficed Clergymen in the Colony of British Guiana." The individuals to whom Mr. Armstrong looks for this Testimonial are yourself, Revd. Wm. Austin, & Rev. — Tucker. We shall feel obliged by your & their furnishing Mr. A. with the Testimonial required, with as little delay as may be, as the Bishop's stay in this Country is not, we understand, likely to be much longer protracted. We beg to suggest that a duplicate Testimonial should be sent to Barbadoes, with a view to avoid still farther delay in bringing this matter to an issue. On the other side is a copy of the usual form of Testimonial in this country, to which we recommend that you should, in the present instance, adhere. Mr. Armstrong will, we expect, himself write to you on the subject by this packet.

3. We are still in negociation with the Bishop, with a view to obtain from his Lordship such facilities as may admit of the Society's acting within the Diocese generally. I cannot say that I am sanguine in my expectation that the matter will be brought to a satisfactory issue.

4. We shall wait with some solicitude to learn the circumstances under which the transition from a state of slavery to a state of freedom in British Guiana. May the Lord give His Blessing!

I remain,

My dear Sir,

Truly & affectionately Yours

D. Coates,

Sec. CMS.

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Rev. R. Panton

Church Miſsionary House
August 23d. 1834

My Dear Sir,

1. Concluding from the Rev. C. R. Dallas' last Letter that he will have left Jamaica ere this arrives out & that you have kindly undertaken the office of Secretary to the Corr. Comee. I have the pleasure to addreſs myself to you.

2. Our last Letter to Mr. Dallas was under date of the 8th Inst., of which a Duplicate is enclosed. Since the despatch of that Letter no communication from the Corr. Comee. have reached us.

3. I have much pleasure in forwarding the Resolution of our Committee of Correspondence on Mr. Dallas' last communications, though an opportunity has not yet been afforded of submitting it to the General Comee. for confirmation; as it will doubtleſs be satisfactory to the Corr. Comee. in Jamaica to be aſsured of the cordial approval by our Committee of the course which you have taken under circumstances of great delicacy & difficulty.

4. We shall wait with solicitude to learn the course which the Bishop may take with the regard to the Rev. W. K. Betts' being employed as a private Chaplain at Knockalva. Even should this be allowed, our impreſsion is that in that capacity Mr. Betts' ministry will be exercised under such restrictions, as to put his permanent employment, as a private Chaplain, out of the question. More information, however, is requisite than we at present poſseſs of the precise nature & extent of a private Chaplain's duties, to enable us to decide. Should the Bishop withhold his sanction from Mr. Betts' acting as a private Chaplain, we apprehend

that no course is open to him but, as the Corr. Comee. propose, "respectfully to defer to the Bishops authority".

5. With regard to Mr. Betts undertaking the Superintendency of an Infant School in Spanish Town or Kingston, we apprehend that neither he nor the Comee. could look forward to his being permanently so occupied. It may however do very well as a temporary expedient, till the main question is settled.

6. As one of the main obstacles to the operations of the Society in Jamaica is the enforcement of 52. Geo III. c. 155 by the Abolition Act, and as the proper remedy can be applied only by the Imperial Legislature, nothing, we fear, can be done for the removal of this obstacle till after the re-assembling of Parliament.

7. Your local Clergy Law appears to place some impediments in our way; but we have not the Act, & consequently are unable to judge with certainty as to its provisions. Pray therefore send us a copy of it. I can add no more but our kind regards to the Members of the Comee.

I remain, My dear Sir
Very Truly Yours
D. Coates

Rev R. Panton

Church Missionary House,
Aug. 26/34.

My Dear Sir

1. I enclose a Duplicate of my last of the 23d Instant.

2. I omitted to state on the 23 Inst. that the Committee of Correspondence have agreed to pay Mr. W. Forbes' Passage money £40, as recommended by the

Jamaica Committee. We have also paid the Rev. A. Dallas £10. and Mr Broughton £5 on his account.

3. The Committee feel much obliged by Mr Adams' kindness in undertaking the office of Treasurer. He will we are sure enter into our difficulties as to his being on the Corresponding Committee. This, all circumstances considered, the Committee do not deem advisable. At the same time they will feel grateful if he will continue to occupy the situation of Treasurer.

4. Copies of the Resolutions are given below

I remain,
My Dear Sir.
very Truly yours,
D Coates

Rev. R. Panton

Church Missionary House, Sept 4/36

My dear Sir,

1 Since the despatch of Mr Coates' letter of the Ulto. by the of which a duplicate is enclosed, we have received the Rev J. Griffith's letter of July 9/36 and the correspondence which it covered

2 We rejoice to learn that the Rev W. K. Betts has got to work, with the prospect of usefulness to a portion of the enfranchised population. May the divine blessing be abundantly bestowed on his labours.

3 As this course of proceedings has so far succeeded that you call for the despatch of the other Missionaries who are set apart for Jamaica, it is of importance to the Committee clearly to understand the footing on which the Priests and Deacons

Chaplain" stands. Some light will probably be thrown on this point by having before us the "Clergy-Law" on which the appointment is grounded and the transmission of which was requested in Mr Bell's last letter. Further information may however be needed and this we beg to be furnished with as speedily as possible. Has the Chaplain thus appointed, authority to administer the Sacraments to the people of his charge? Has the Rector of the Parish a right to officiate ministerially at his pleasure, on the Property to which the Chaplain is appointed? Is the Chaplain liable to be in any other manner impeded or embarrassed by any Ecclesiastical or Civil Authority in prosecution of his labours according to the views of our Committee in sending out Missionaries? It is very important to us at the present moment to be fully and accurately informed on these heads. Of course you will add any thing not suggested in the above questions which may occur to you or the Corresponding Committee calculated to bring out fully the extent of ministerial authority and action enjoyed by the "Parish and Domestic Chaplains" under the Clergy Law.

As Mr Bell's ministerial labours will at present be confined to Mr Malcolm's Property at Knockalva, unless he should obtain similar appointments from other Proprietors in the vicinity which it seems very desirable he should if possible obtain, there is however at present nothing to hinder him from exercising a superintendency over Catechists' labours in all directions, to the extent of his physical powers as suggested in his instructions and letters. This object therefore the Corresponding Committee will have the kindness to keep in view and prosecute as extensively as may be done without endangering Mr Bell's health, a point to be constantly borne in mind.

With kind regards to all the members of the Committee to whose judicious services we are so much indebted.

I remain,
Dear Sir

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